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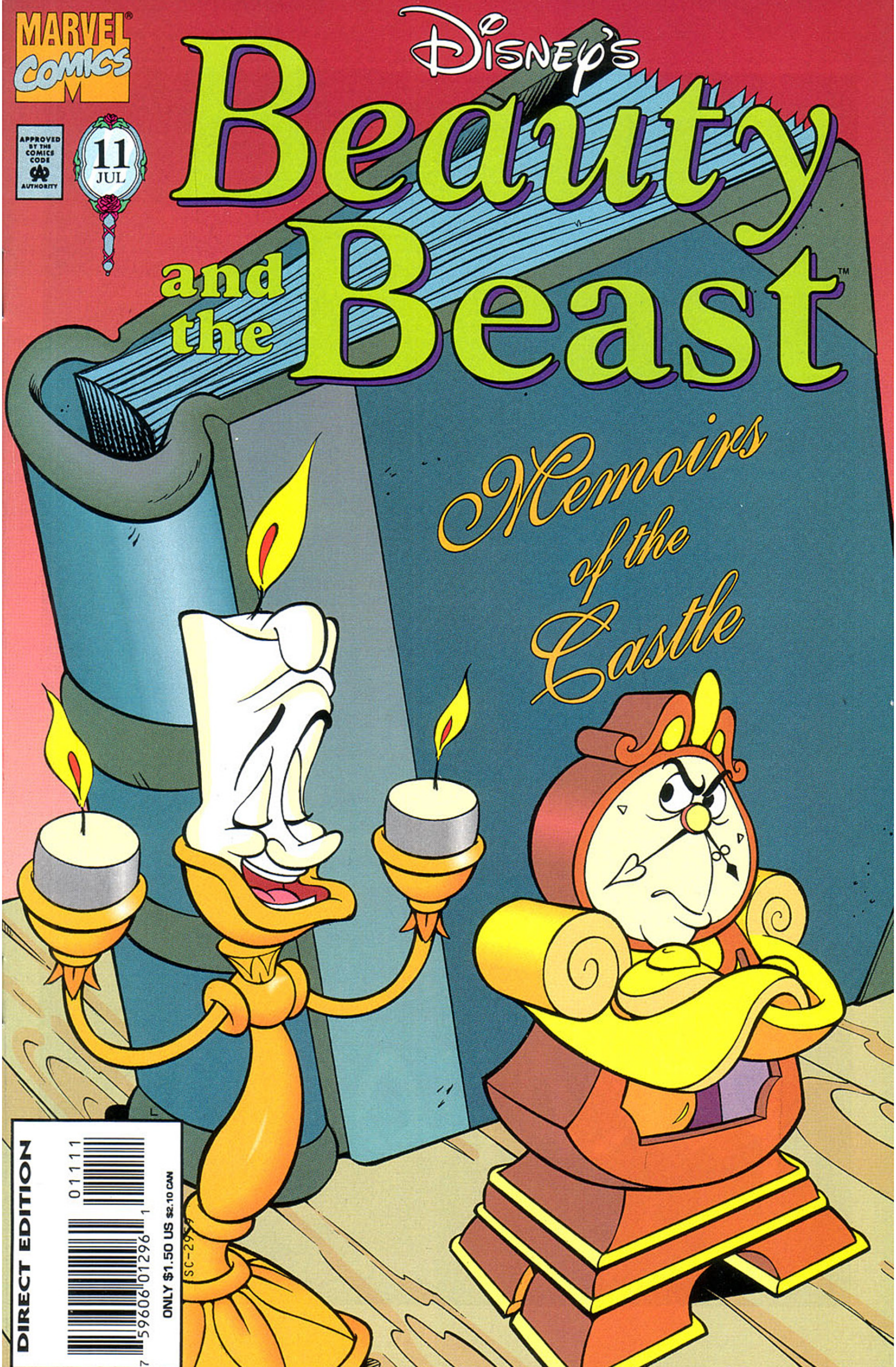
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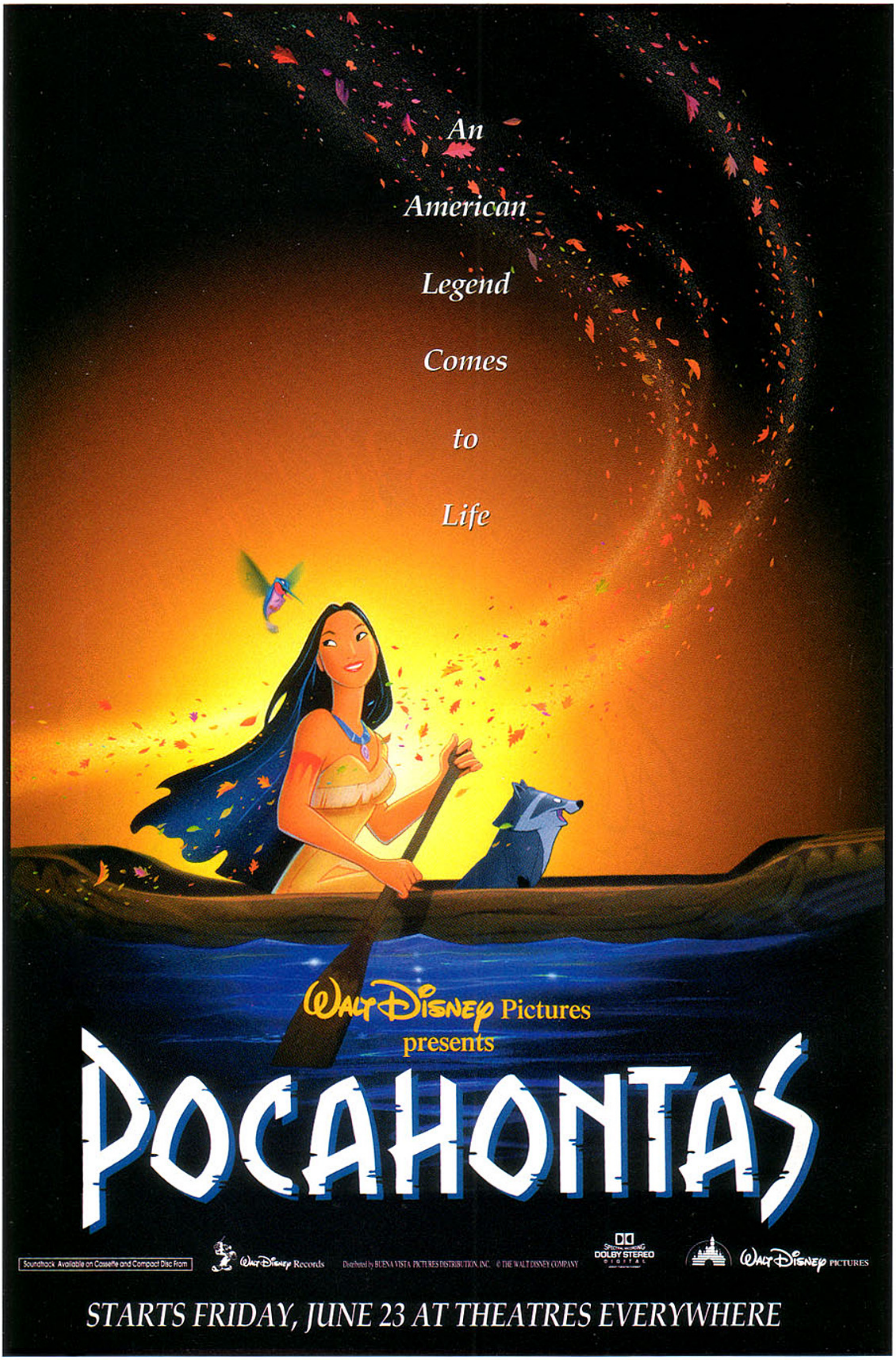
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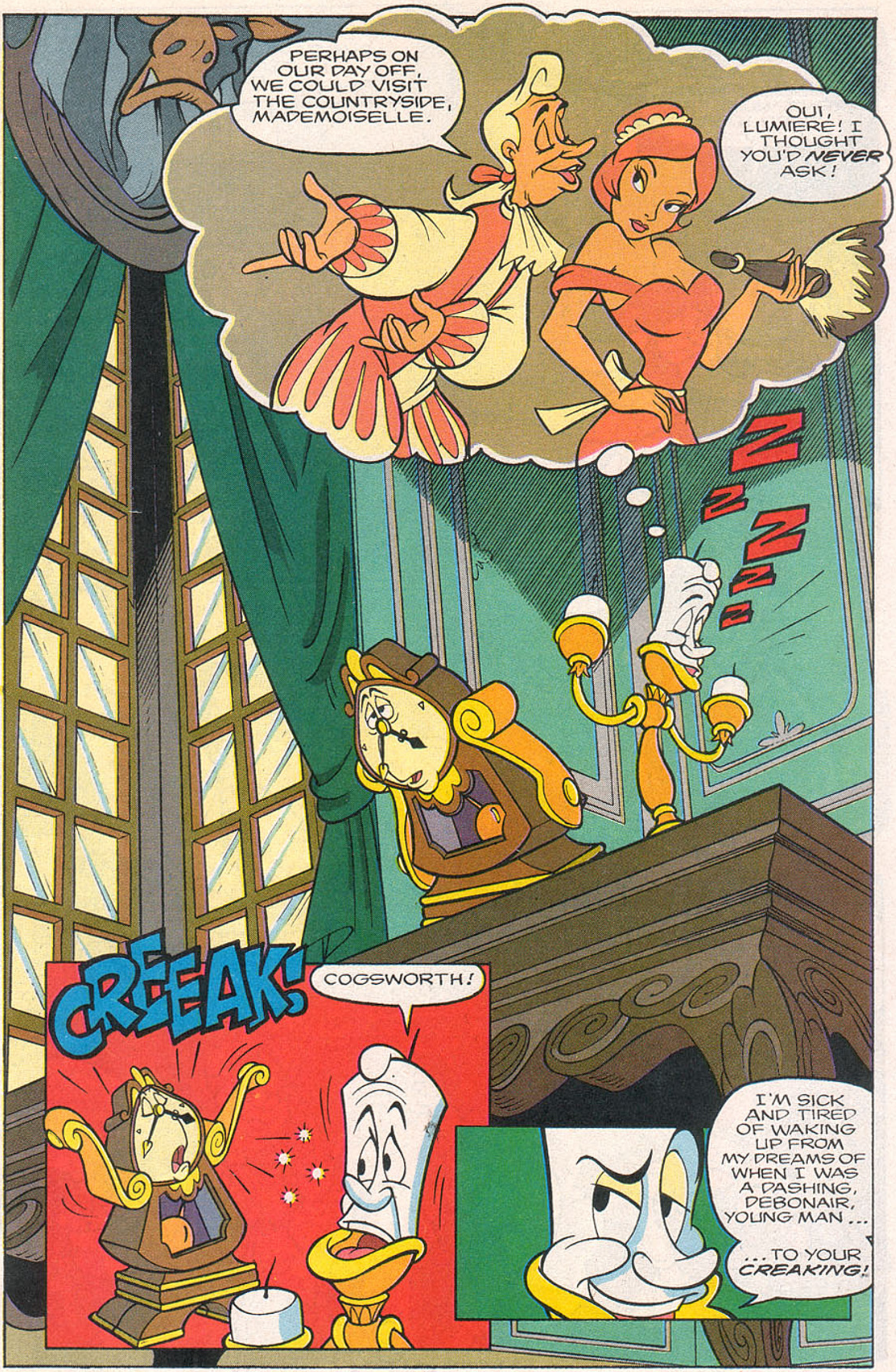
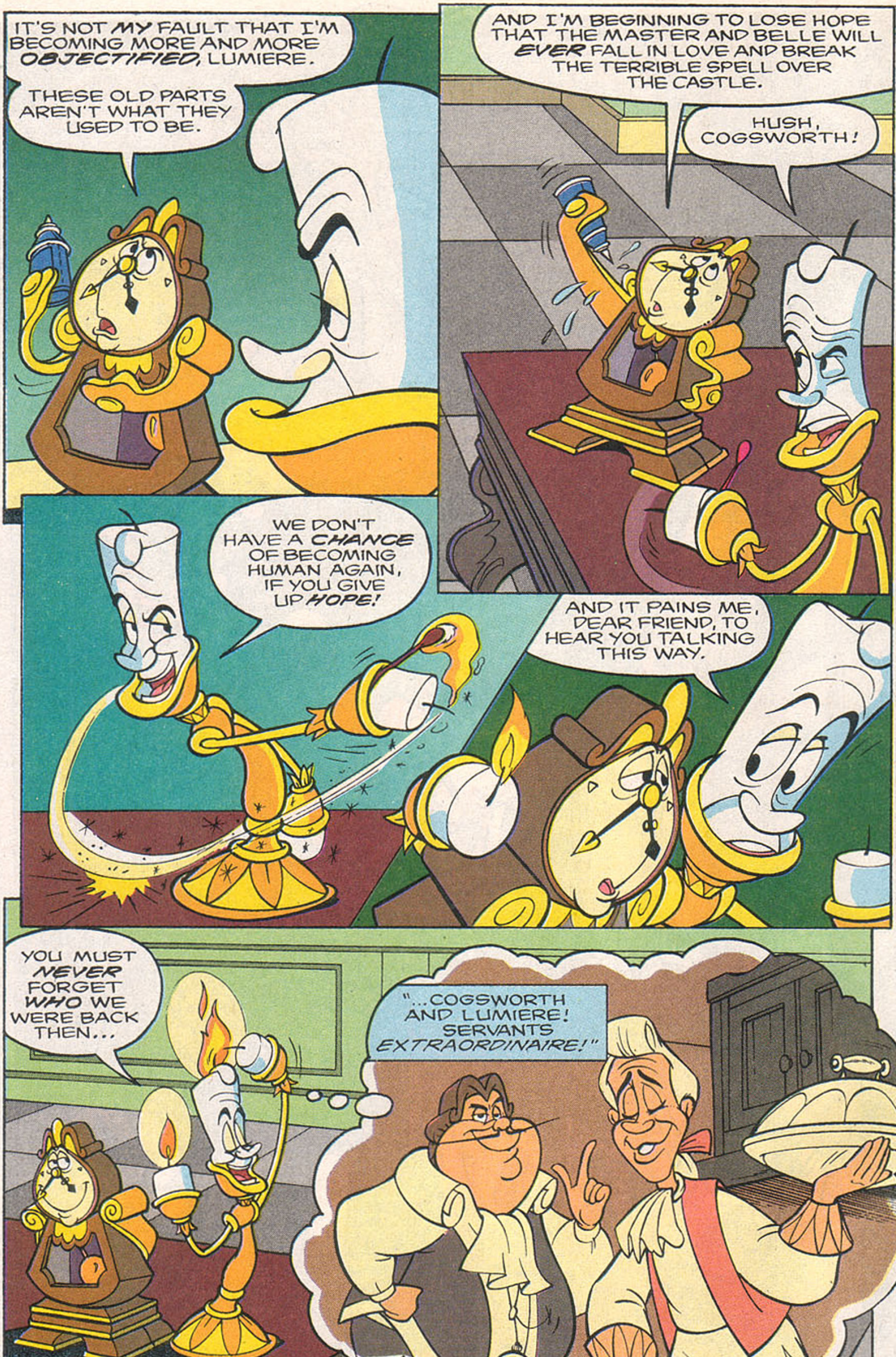
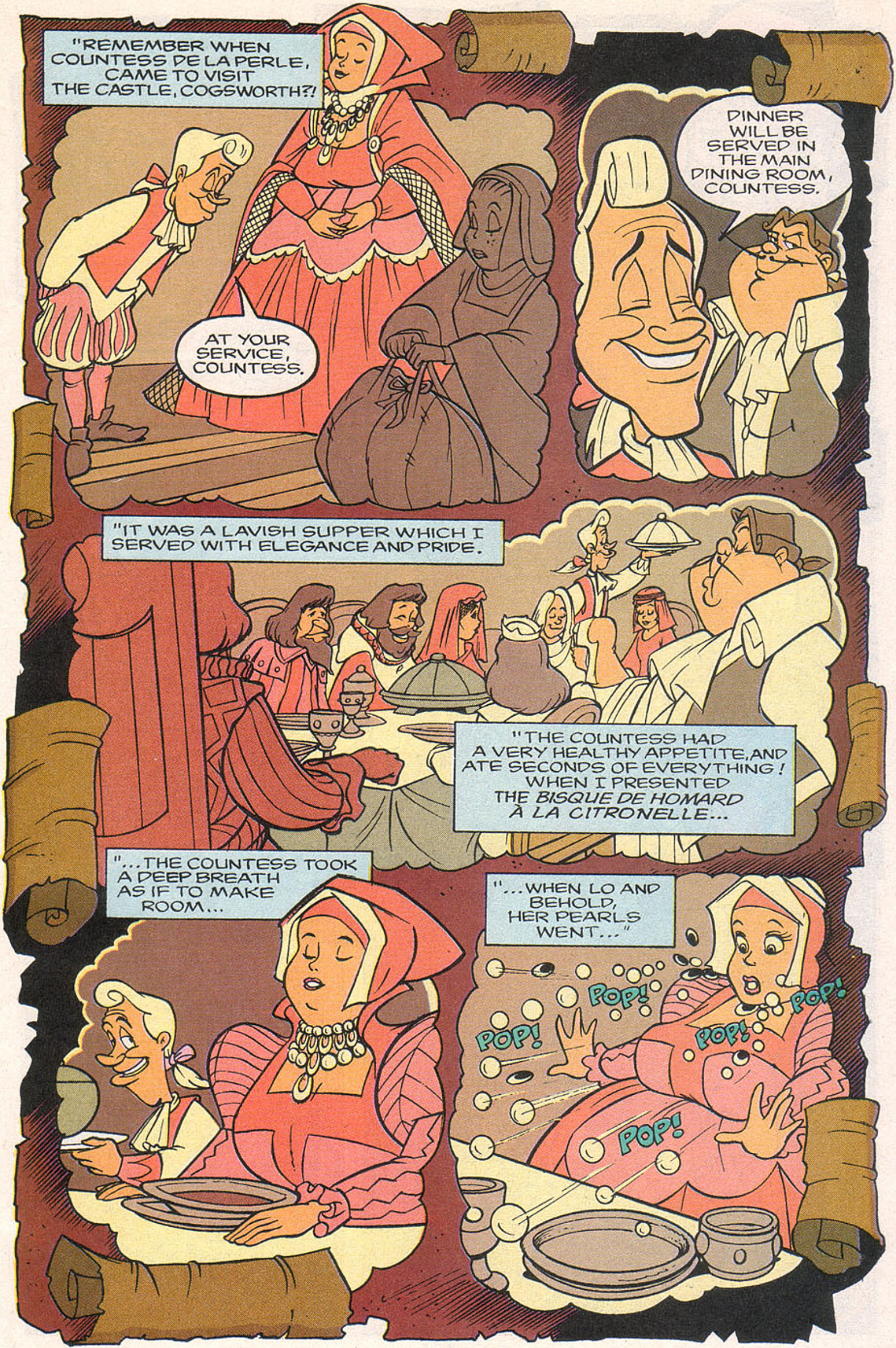
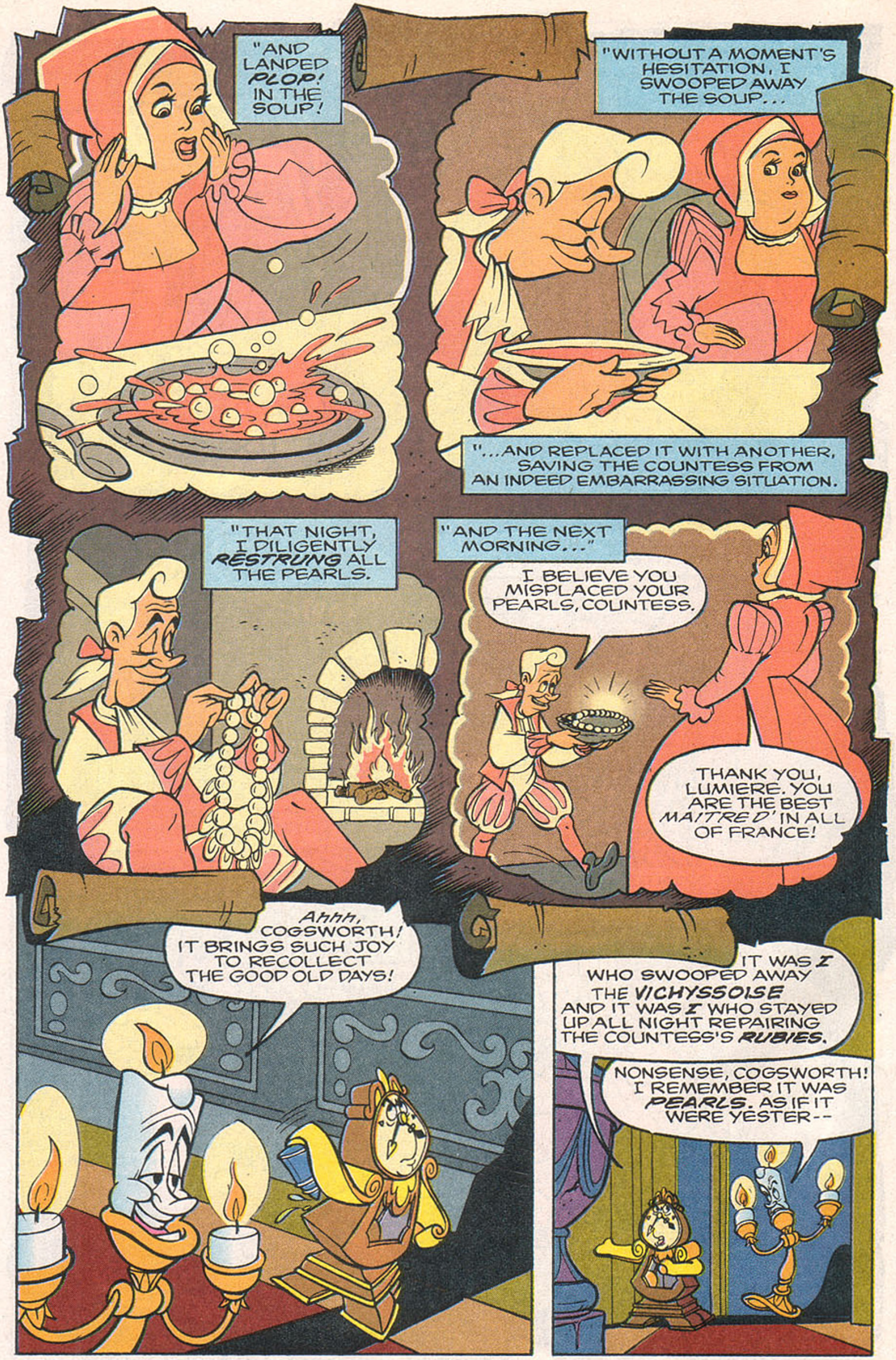
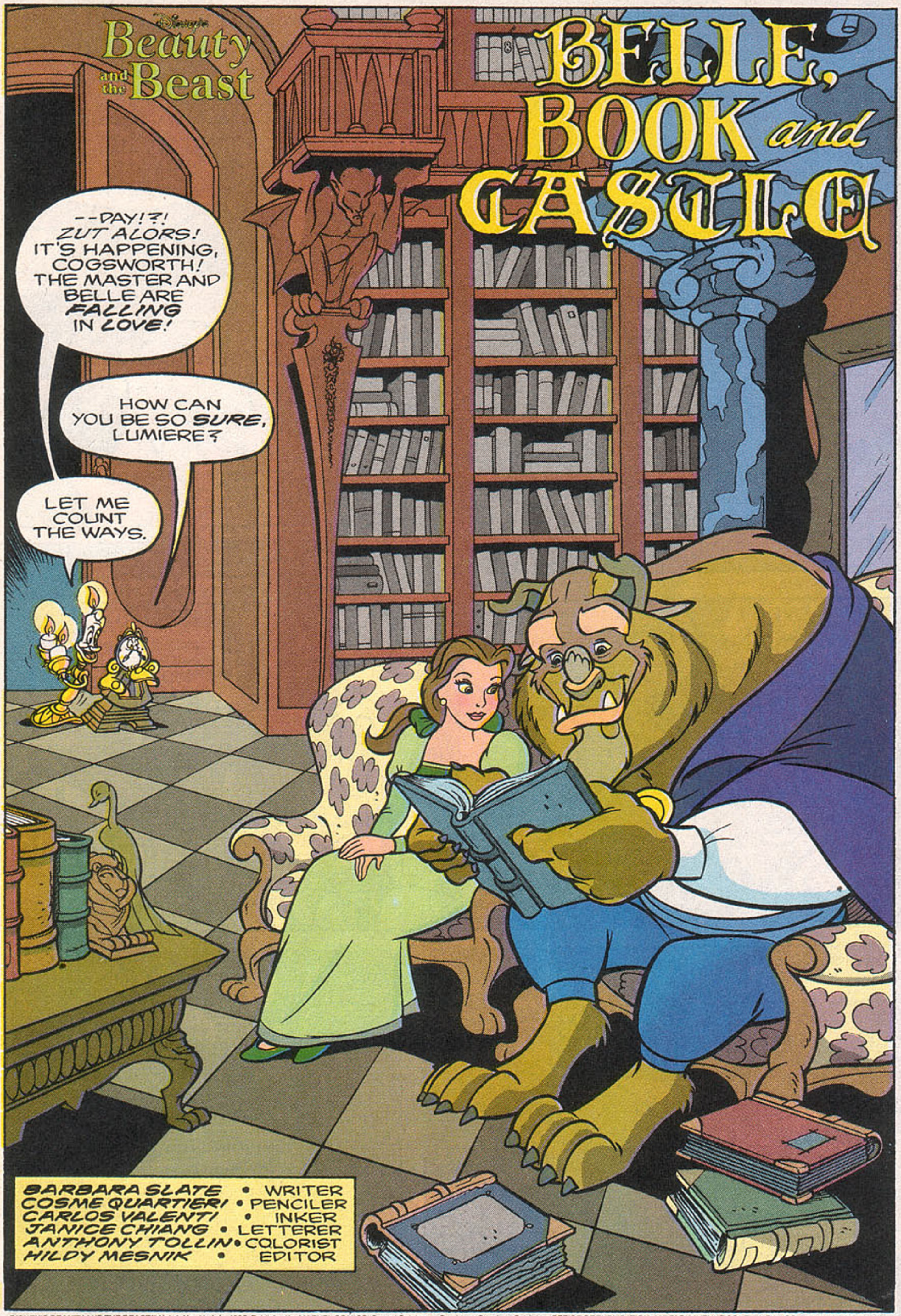

PERHAPS ON OUR DAY OFF, WE COULD VISIT THE COUNTRYSIDE, MADEMOISELLE.
OUI, LUMIERE! I THOUGHT YOU'D *NEVER* ASK!
ZZZZZZ
CREEAK!
COGSWORTH!
I'M SICK AND TIRED OF WAKING UP FROM MY DREAMS OF WHEN I WAS A DASHING, DEBONAIR, YOUNG MAN...
...TO YOUR *CREAKING*!


IT'S NOT *MY* FAULT THAT I'M BECOMING MORE AND MORE *OBJECTIFIED*, LUMIERE.
THESE OLD PARTS AREN'T WHAT THEY USED TO BE.
AND I'M BEGINNING TO LOSE HOPE THAT THE MASTER AND BELLE WILL *EVER* FALL IN LOVE AND BREAK THE TERRIBLE SPELL OVER THE CASTLE.
HUSH, COGSWORTH!
WE DON'T HAVE A *CHANCE* OF BECOMING HUMAN AGAIN, IF YOU GIVE UP *HOPE!*
AND IT PAINS ME, DEAR FRIEND, TO HEAR YOU TALKING THIS WAY.
YOU MUST *NEVER* FORGET *WHO* WE WERE BACK THEN...
"...COGSWORTH AND LUMIERE! SERVANTS *EXTRAORDINAIRE!*"


"REMEMBER WHEN COUNTESS DE LA PERLE, CAME TO VISIT THE CASTLE, COGSWORTH?!
AT YOUR SERVICE, COUNTESS.
DINNER WILL BE SERVED IN THE MAIN DINING ROOM, COUNTESS.
"IT WAS A LAVISH SUPPER WHICH I SERVED WITH ELEGANCE AND PRIDE.
"THE COUNTESS HAD A VERY HEALTHY APPETITE, AND ATE SECONDS OF EVERYTHING! WHEN I PRESENTED THE *BISQUE DE HOMARD À LA CITRONELLE*...
"...THE COUNTESS TOOK A DEEP BREATH AS IF TO MAKE ROOM...
"...WHEN LO AND BEHOLD, HER PEARLS WENT..."
POP!
POP!
POP!
POP!
POP!


"AND LANDED *PLOP!* IN THE SOUP!
"WITHOUT A MOMENT'S HESITATION, I SWOOPED AWAY THE SOUP...
"...AND REPLACED IT WITH ANOTHER, SAVING THE COUNTESS FROM AN INDEED EMBARRASSING SITUATION.
"THAT NIGHT, I DILIGENTLY *RESTRUNG* ALL THE PEARLS.
"AND THE NEXT MORNING..."
I BELIEVE YOU MISPLACED YOUR PEARLS, COUNTESS.
THANK YOU, LUMIERE. YOU ARE THE BEST *MAITRE D'* IN ALL OF FRANCE!
Ahhh, COGSWORTH! IT BRINGS SUCH JOY TO RECOLLECT THE GOOD OLD DAYS!
IT WAS *I* WHO SWOOPED AWAY THE *VICHYSSOISE* AND IT WAS *I* WHO STAYED UP ALL NIGHT REPAIRING THE COUNTESS'S *RUBIES.*
NONSENSE, COGSWORTH! I REMEMBER IT WAS *PEARLS.* AS IF IT WERE YESTER--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--DAY!?! ZUT ALORS! IT'S HAPPENING, COGSWORTH! THE MASTER AND BELLE ARE *FALLING* IN *LOVE*!
HOW CAN YOU BE SO *SURE*, LUMIERE?
LET ME COUNT THE WAYS.

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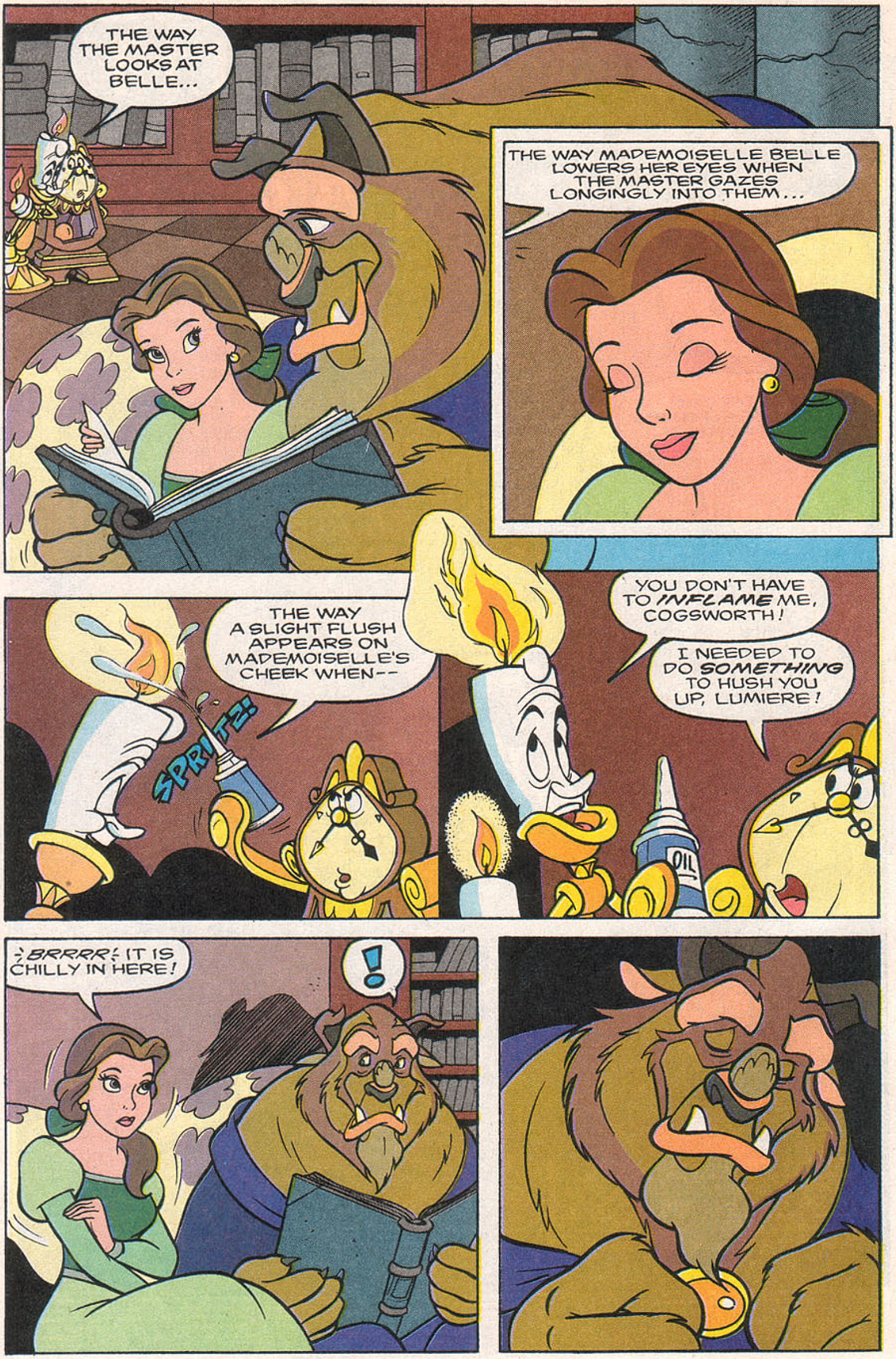
THE WAY THE MASTER LOOKS AT BELLE...
THE WAY MADEMOISELLE BELLE LOWERS HER EYES WHEN THE MASTER GAZES LONGINGLY INTO THEM...
THE WAY A SLIGHT FLUSH APPEARS ON MADEMOISELLE'S CHEEK WHEN--
SPRITZ!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO *INFLAME* ME, COGSWORTH!
I NEEDED TO DO **SOMETHING** TO HUSH YOU UP, LUMIERE!
OIL
BRRRR! IT IS CHILLY IN HERE!
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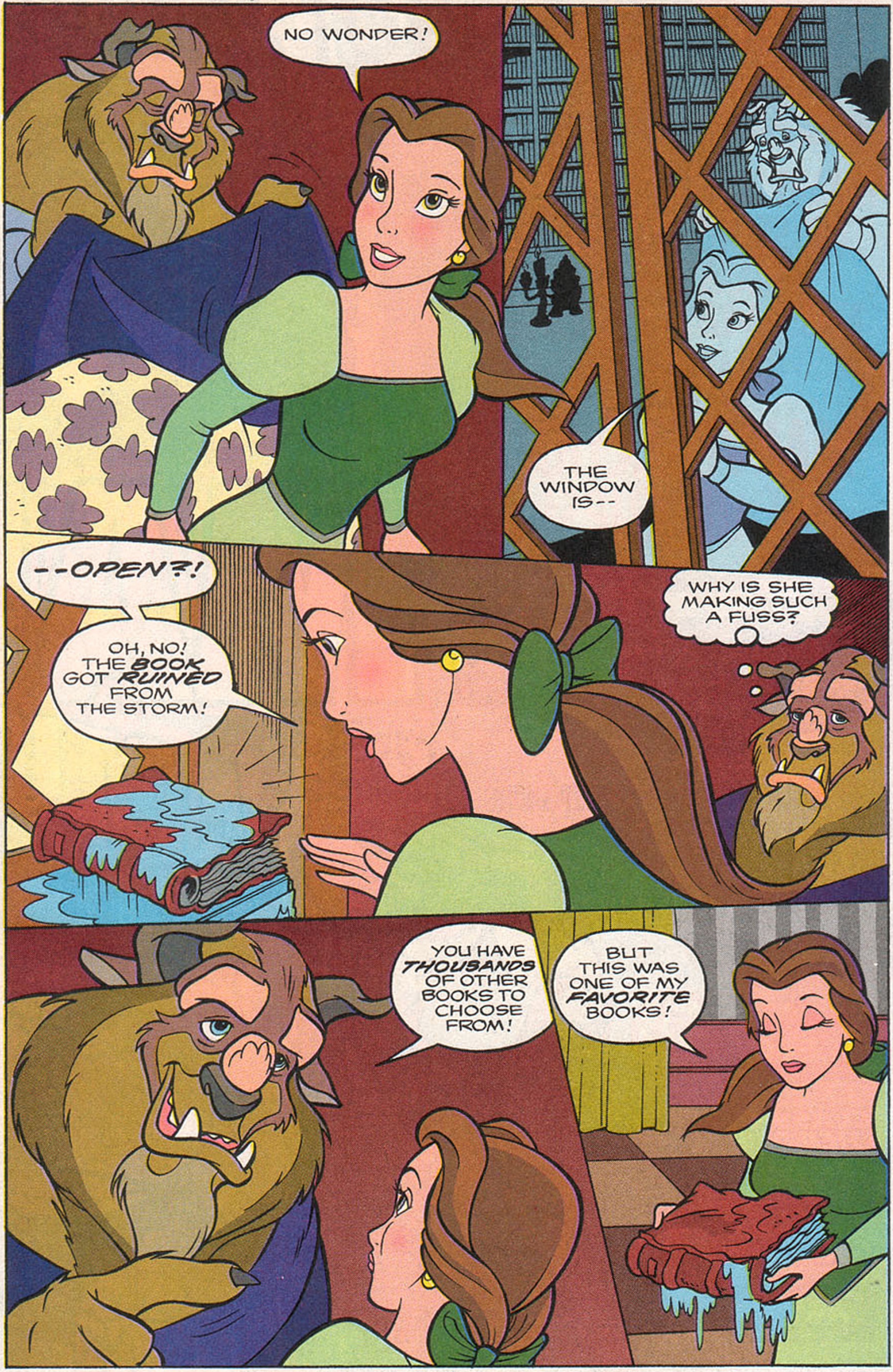
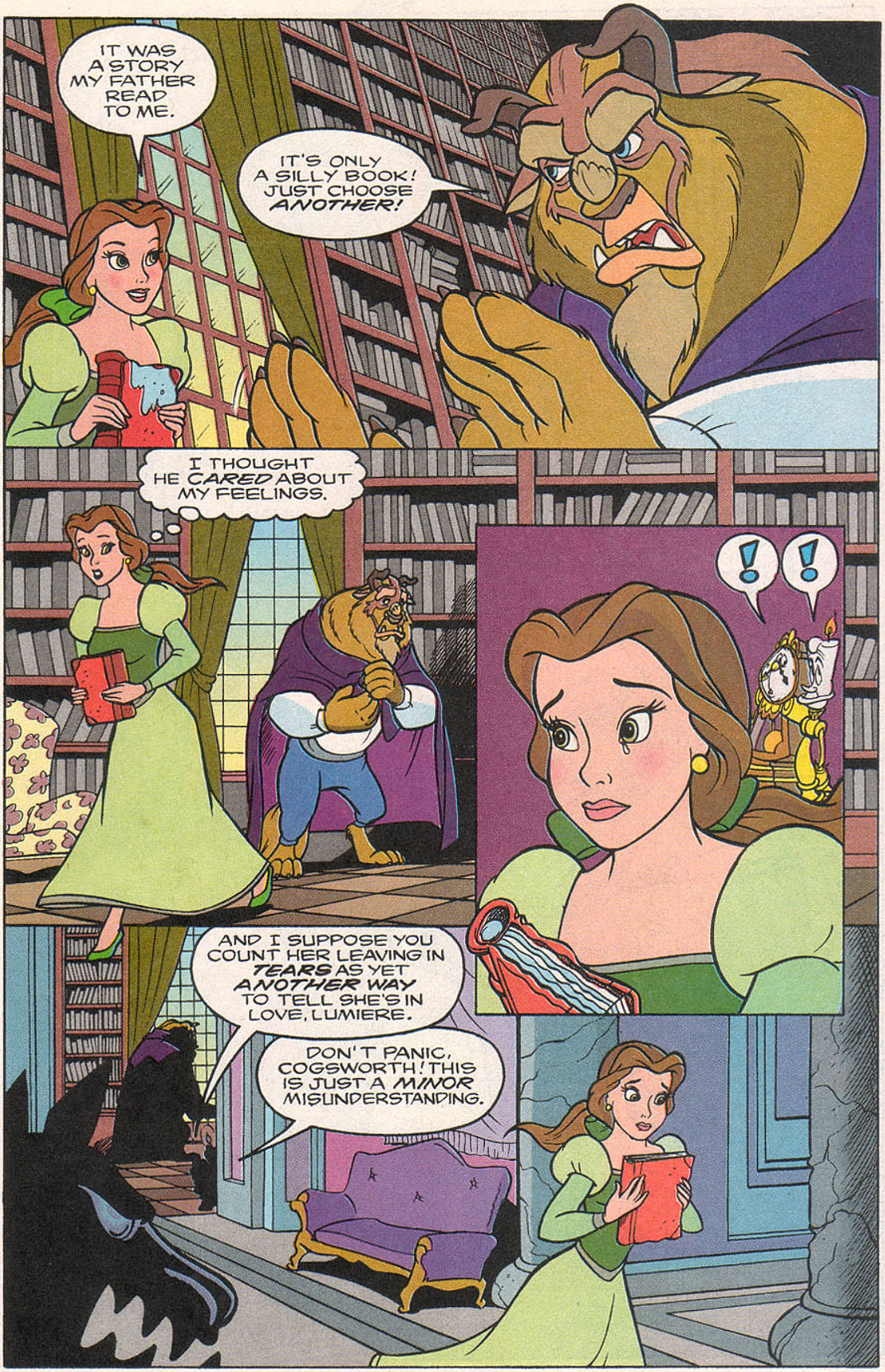

NO WONDER!
THE WINDOW IS--
--OPEN?!
OH, NO! THE *BOOK* GOT *RUINED* FROM THE STORM!
WHY IS SHE MAKING SUCH A FUSS?
YOU HAVE *THOUSANDS* OF OTHER BOOKS TO CHOOSE FROM!
BUT THIS WAS ONE OF MY *FAVORITE* BOOKS!


IT WAS A STORY MY FATHER READ TO ME.
IT'S ONLY A SILLY BOOK! JUST CHOOSE *ANOTHER!*
I THOUGHT HE *CARED* ABOUT MY FEELINGS.
!
!
AND I SUPPOSE YOU COUNT HER LEAVING IN *TEARS* AS YET *ANOTHER WAY* TO TELL SHE'S IN LOVE, LUMIERE.
DON'T PANIC, COGSWORTH! THIS IS JUST A *MINOR* MISUNDERSTANDING.

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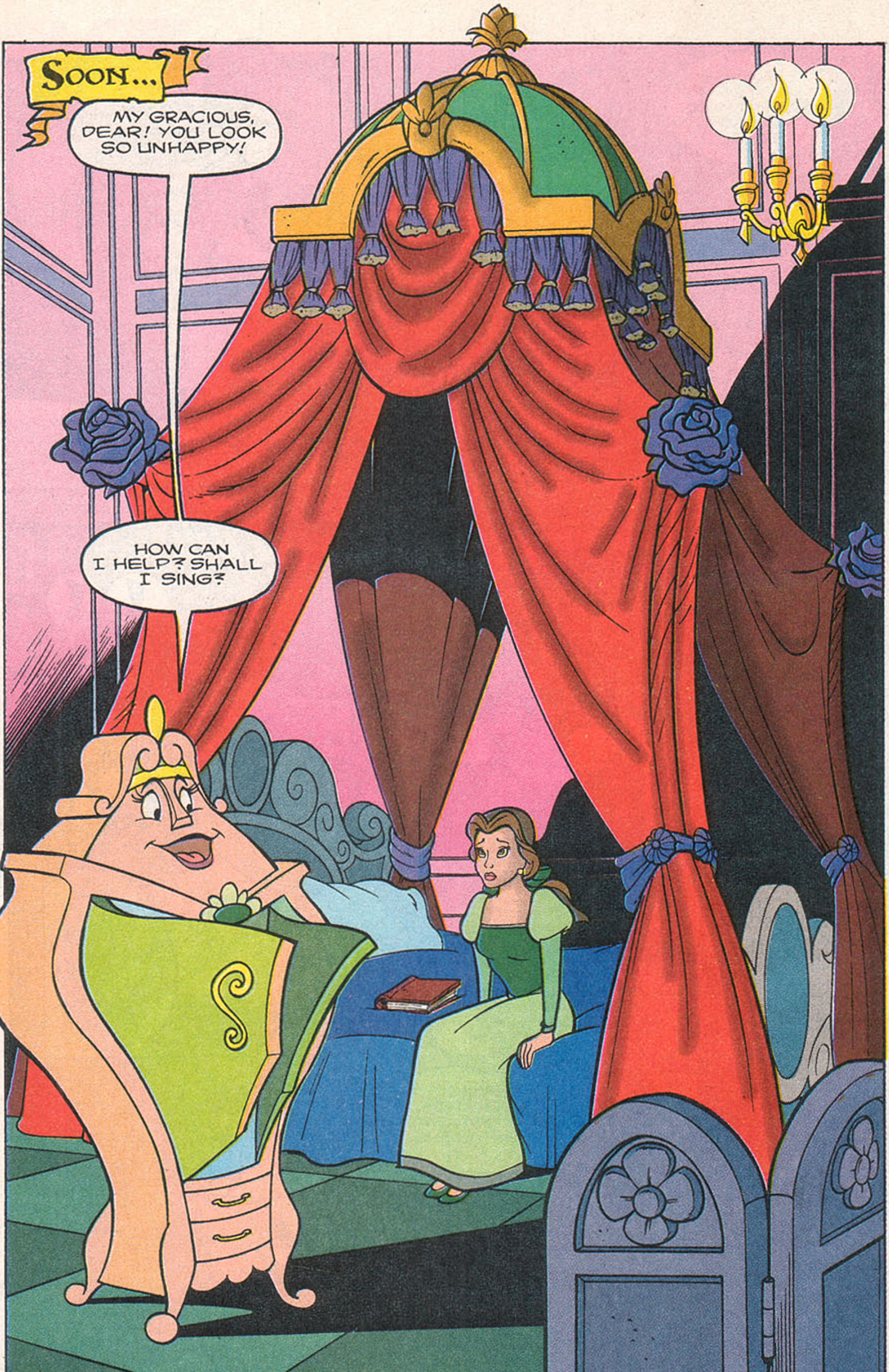
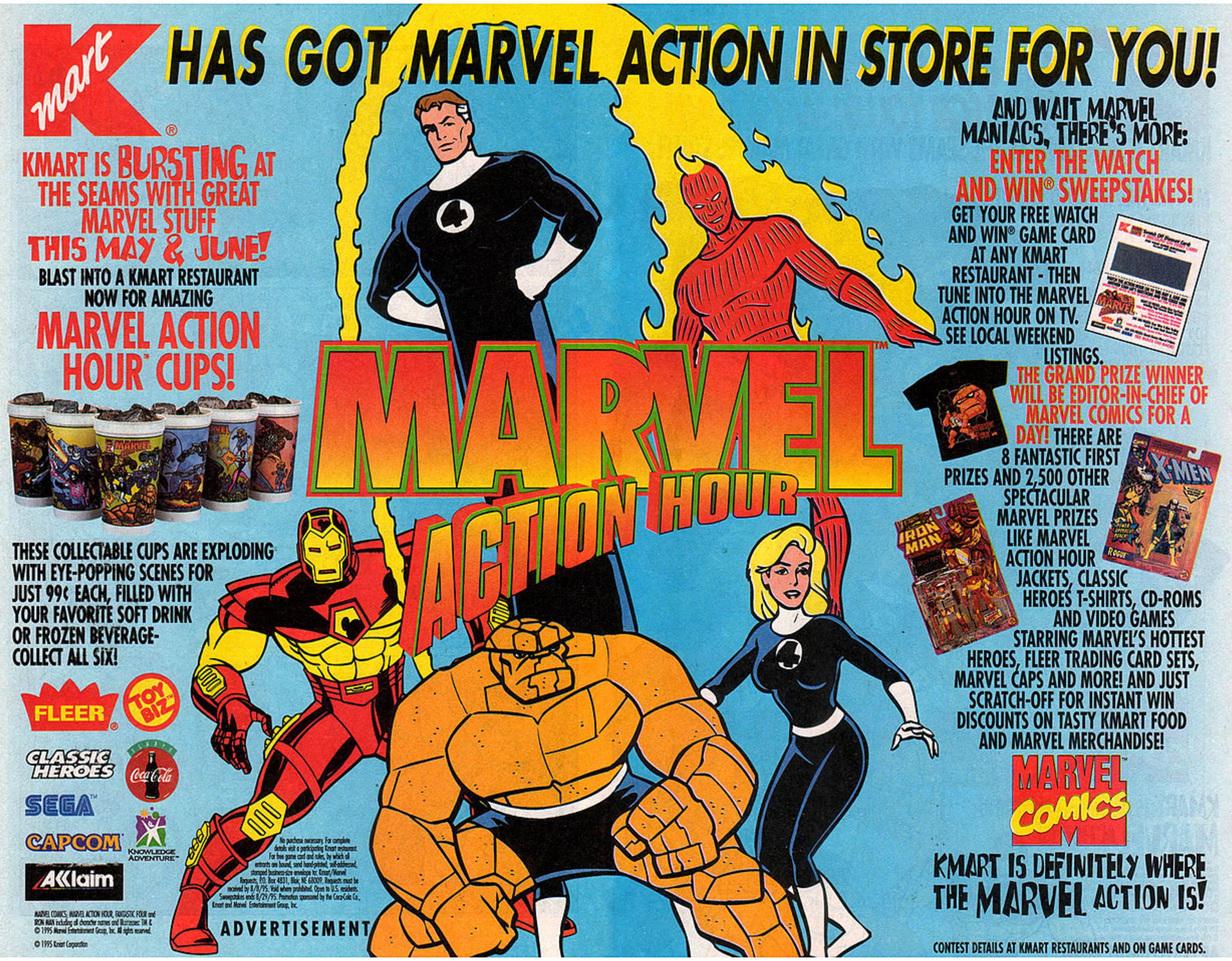

SOON...
MY GRACIOUS, DEAR! YOU LOOK SO UNHAPPY!
HOW CAN I HELP? SHALL I SING?



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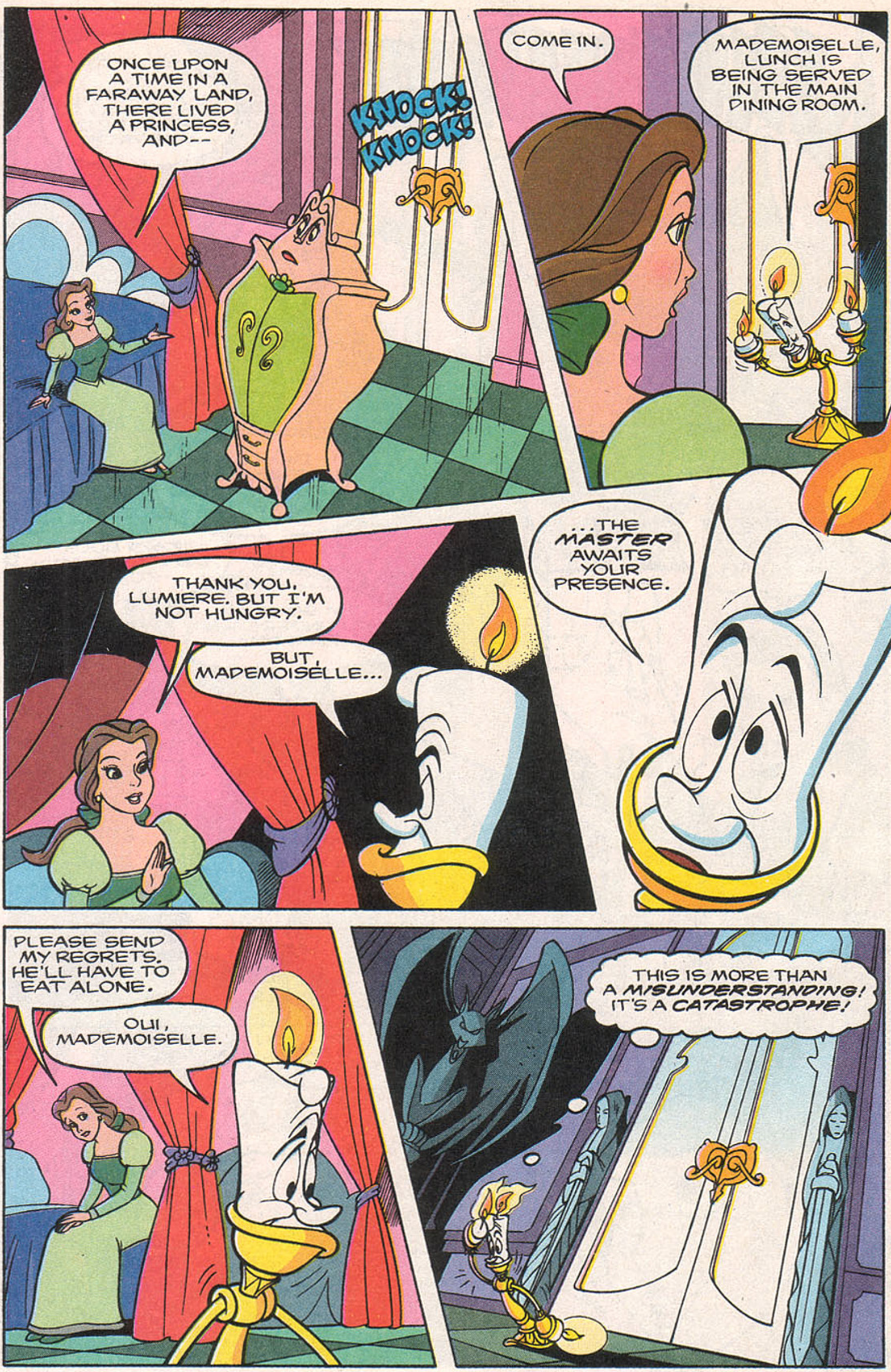
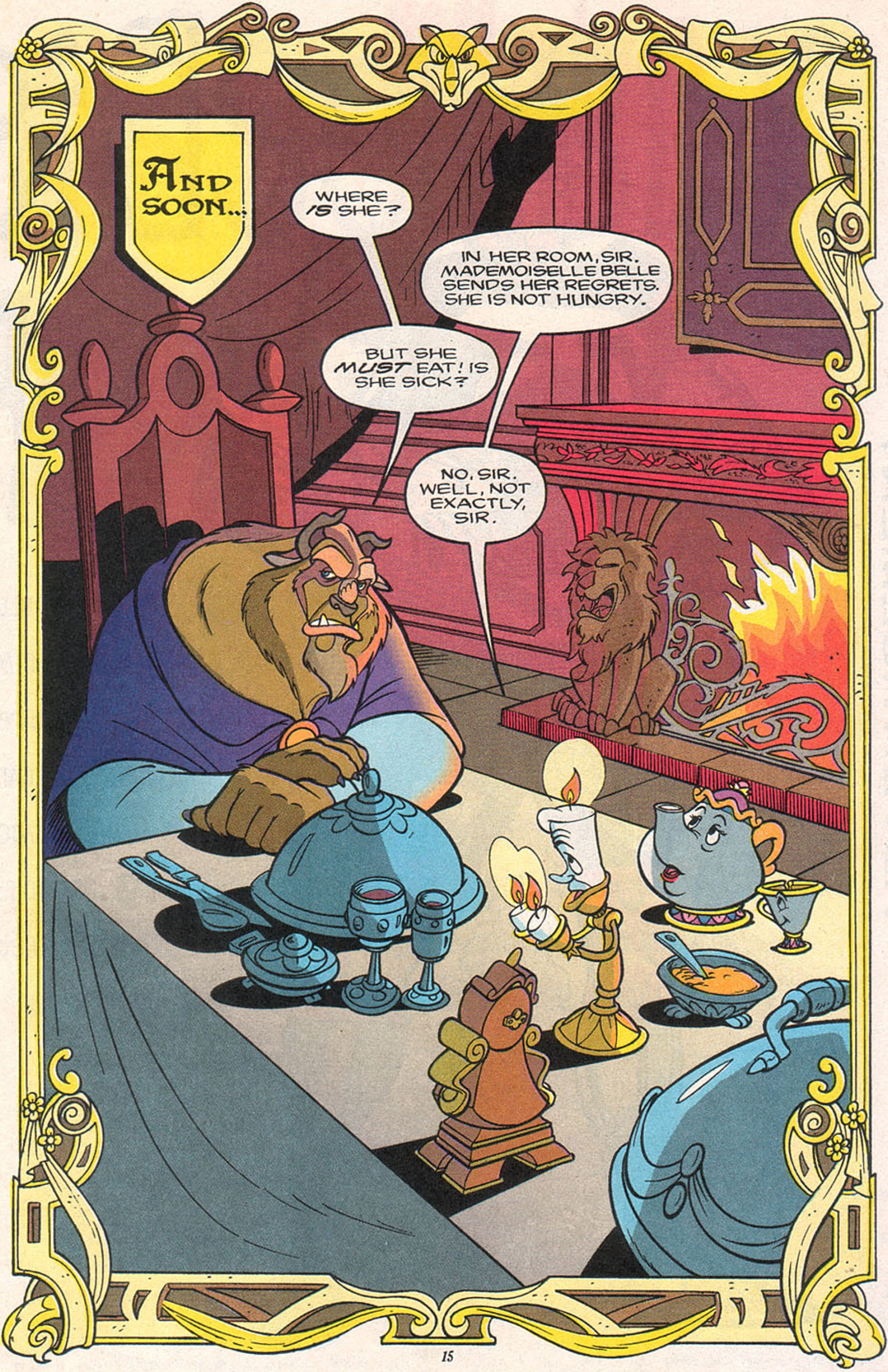
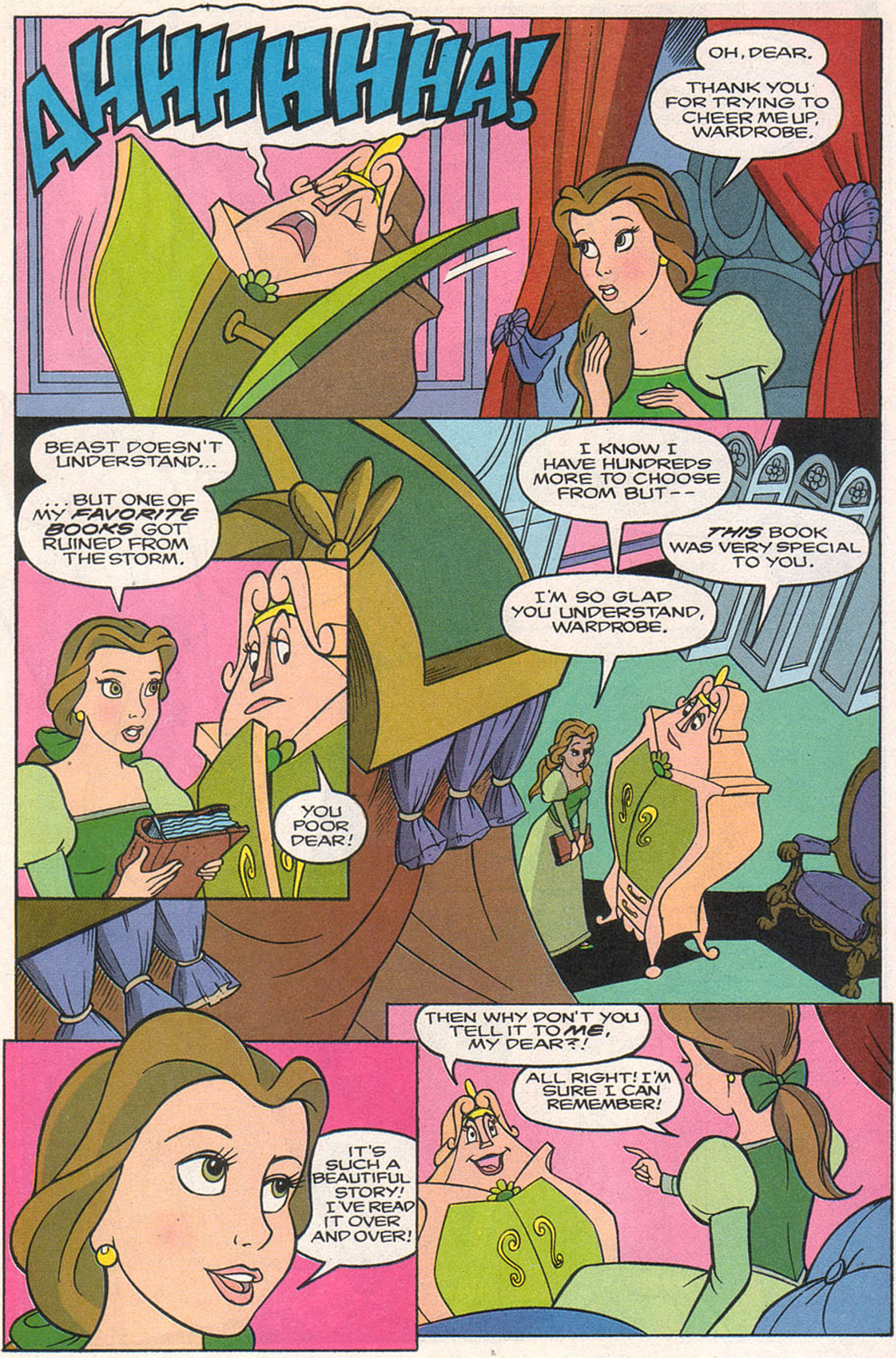

ONCE UPON A TIME IN A FARAWAY LAND, THERE LIVED A PRINCESS, AND--
KNOCK! KNOCK!
COME IN.
MADEMOISELLE, LUNCH IS BEING SERVED IN THE MAIN DINING ROOM.
...THE *MASTER* AWAITS YOUR PRESENCE.
THANK YOU, LUMIERE. BUT I'M NOT HUNGRY.
BUT, MADEMOISELLE...
PLEASE SEND MY REGRETS. HE'LL HAVE TO EAT ALONE.
OUI, MADEMOISELLE.
THIS IS MORE THAN A *MISUNDERSTANDING!* IT'S A *CATASTROPHE!*


AND SOON...
WHERE *IS* SHE?
IN HER ROOM, SIR. MADEMOISELLE BELLE SENDS HER REGRETS. SHE IS NOT HUNGRY.
BUT SHE *MUST* EAT! IS SHE SICK?
NO, SIR. WELL, NOT EXACTLY, SIR.


AHHHHHHA!
OH, DEAR.
THANK YOU FOR TRYING TO CHEER ME UP, WARDROBE.
BEAST DOESN'T UNDERSTAND...
...BUT ONE OF MY *FAVORITE BOOKS* GOT RUINED FROM THE STORM.
YOU POOR DEAR!
I KNOW I HAVE HUNDREDS MORE TO CHOOSE FROM BUT--
THIS BOOK WAS VERY SPECIAL TO YOU.
I'M SO GLAD YOU UNDERSTAND, WARDROBE.
IT'S SUCH A BEAUTIFUL STORY! I'VE READ IT OVER AND OVER!
THEN WHY DON'T YOU TELL IT TO *ME*, MY DEAR?!
ALL RIGHT! I'M SURE I CAN REMEMBER!

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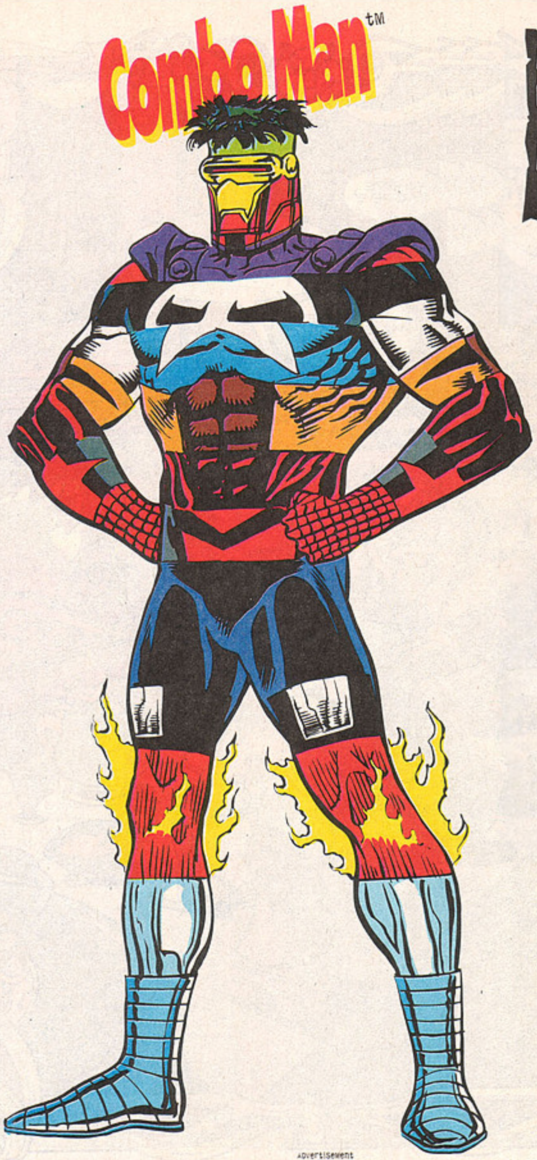

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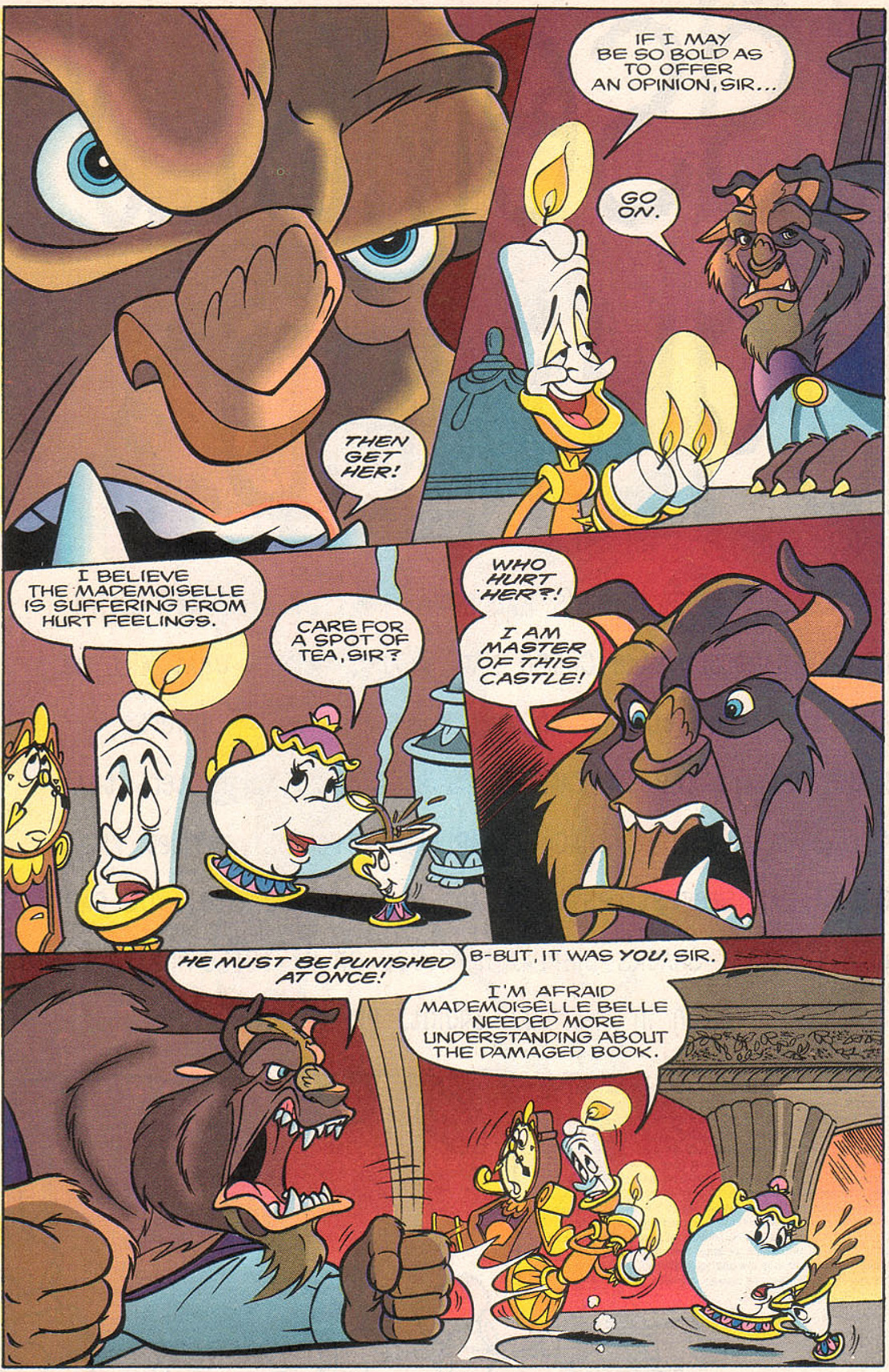
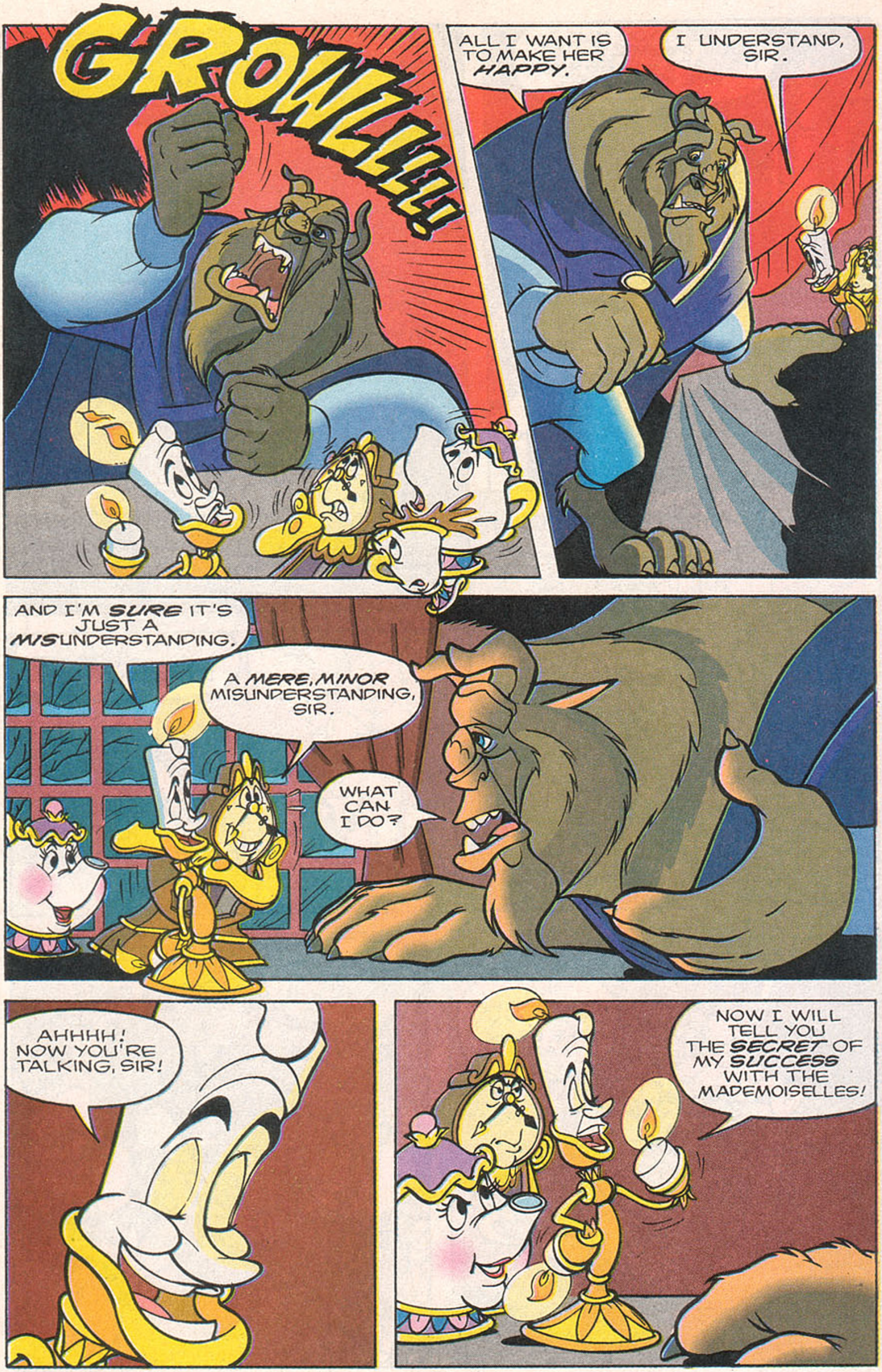
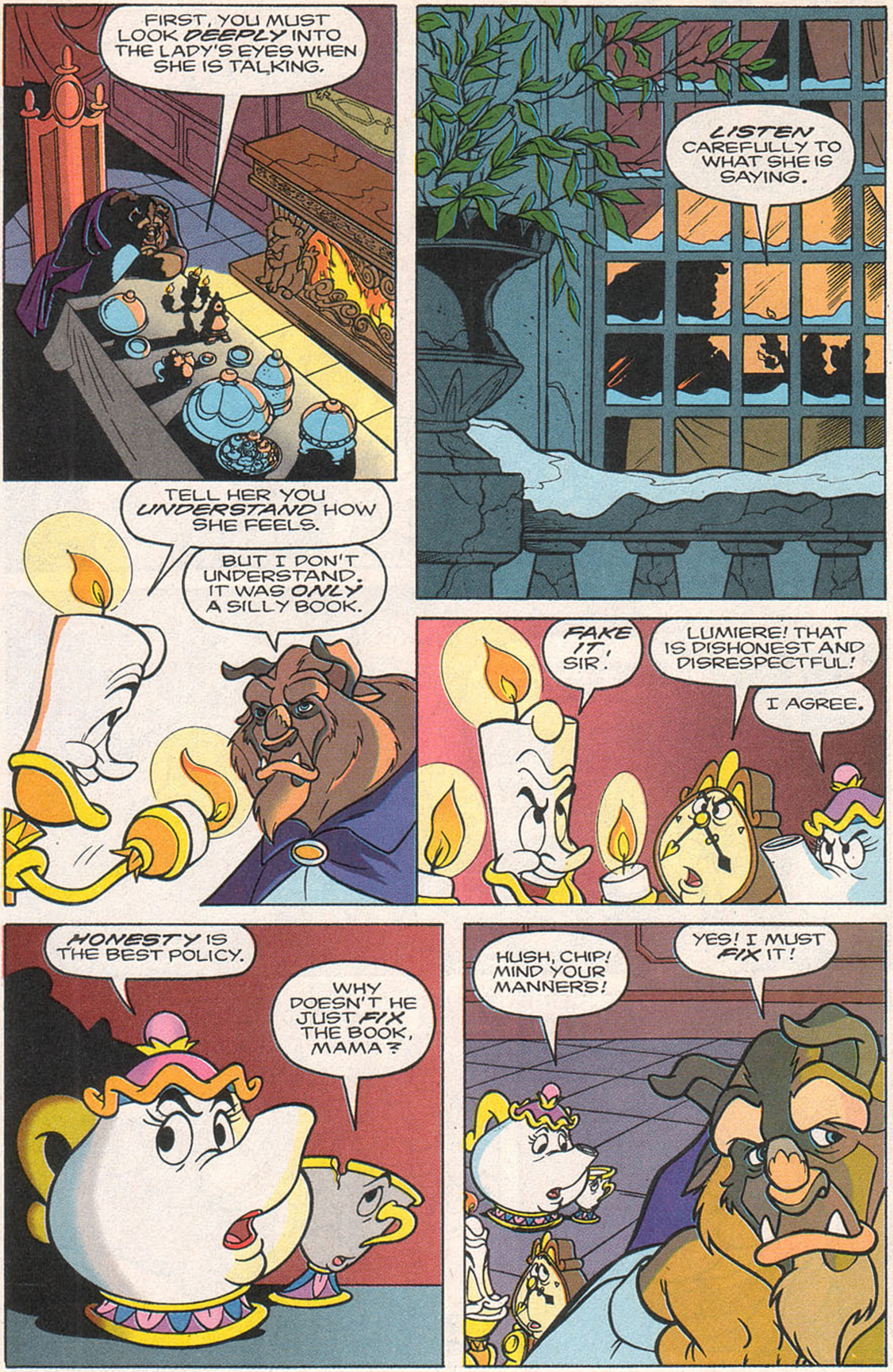
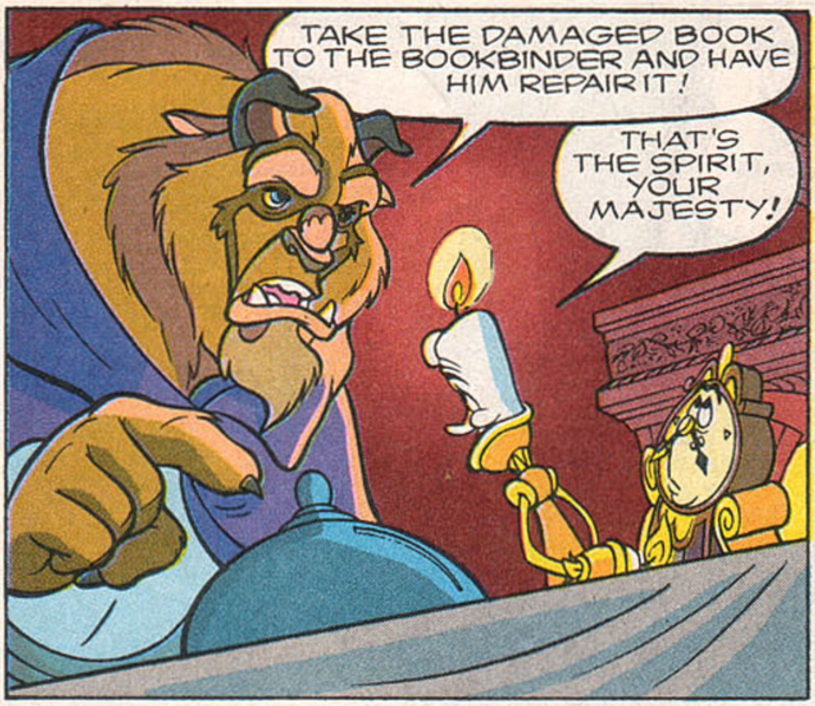
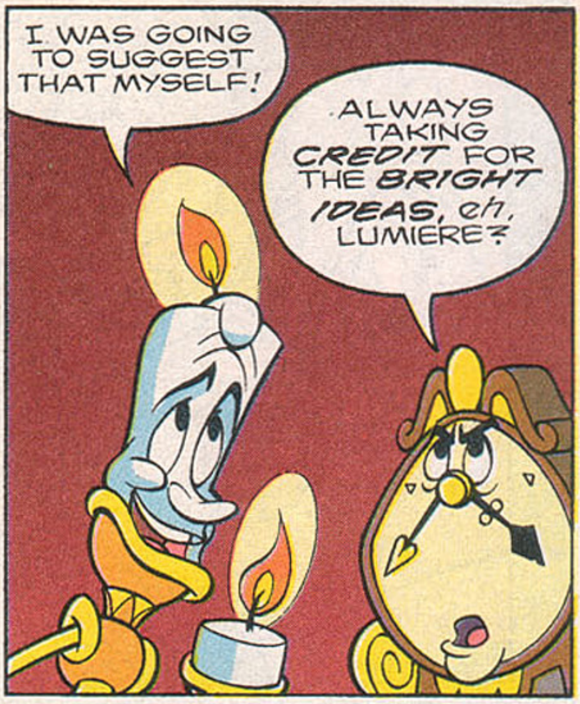
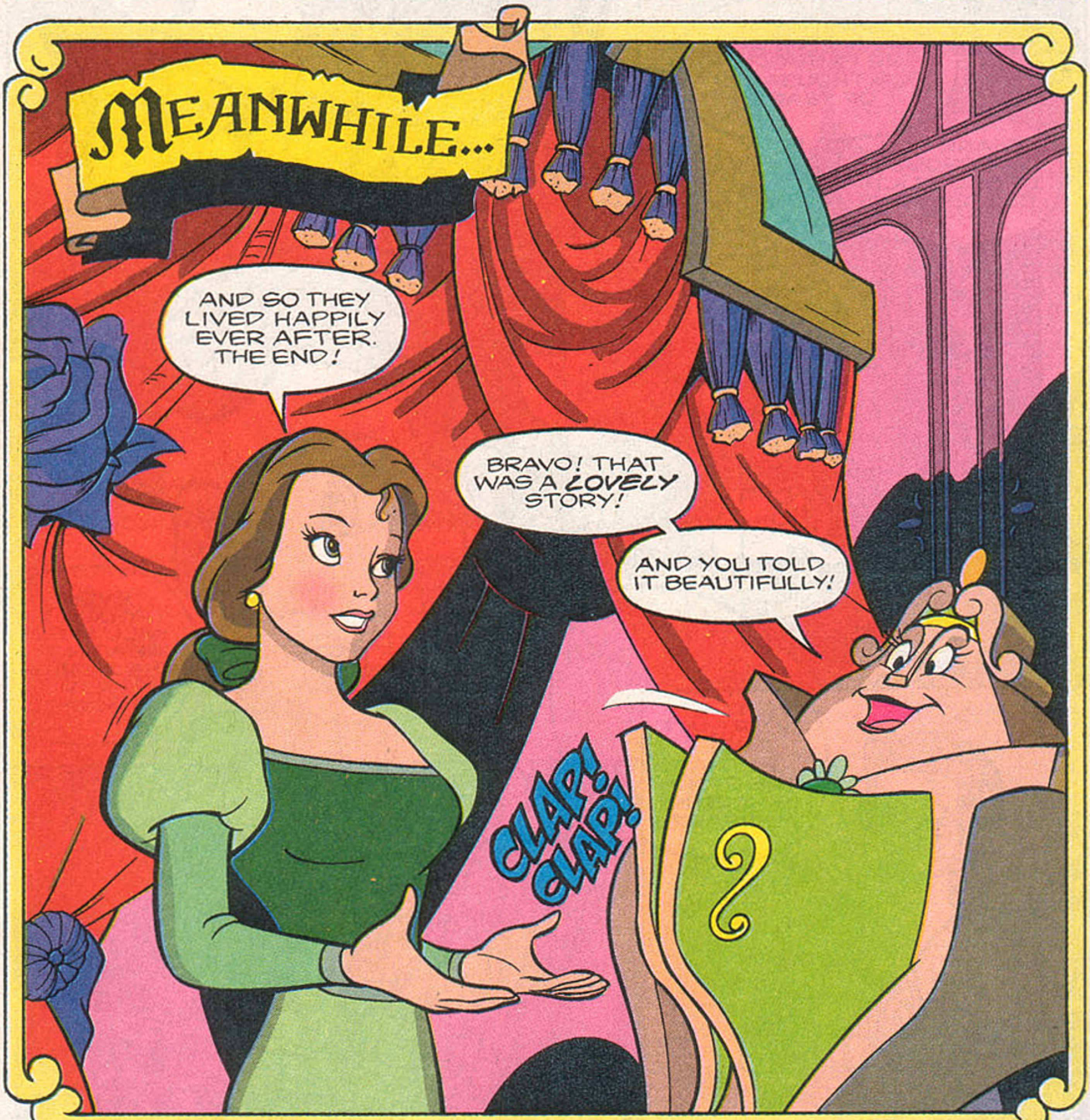

THEN GET HER!
IF I MAY BE SO BOLD AS TO OFFER AN OPINION, SIR...
GO ON.
I BELIEVE THE MADEMOISELLE IS SUFFERING FROM HURT FEELINGS.
CARE FOR A SPOT OF TEA, SIR?
WHO HURT HER?!
I AM MASTER OF THIS CASTLE!
HE MUST BE PUNISHED AT ONCE!
B-BUT, IT WAS YOU, SIR.
I'M AFRAID MADEMOISELLE BELLE NEEDED MORE UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE DAMAGED BOOK.

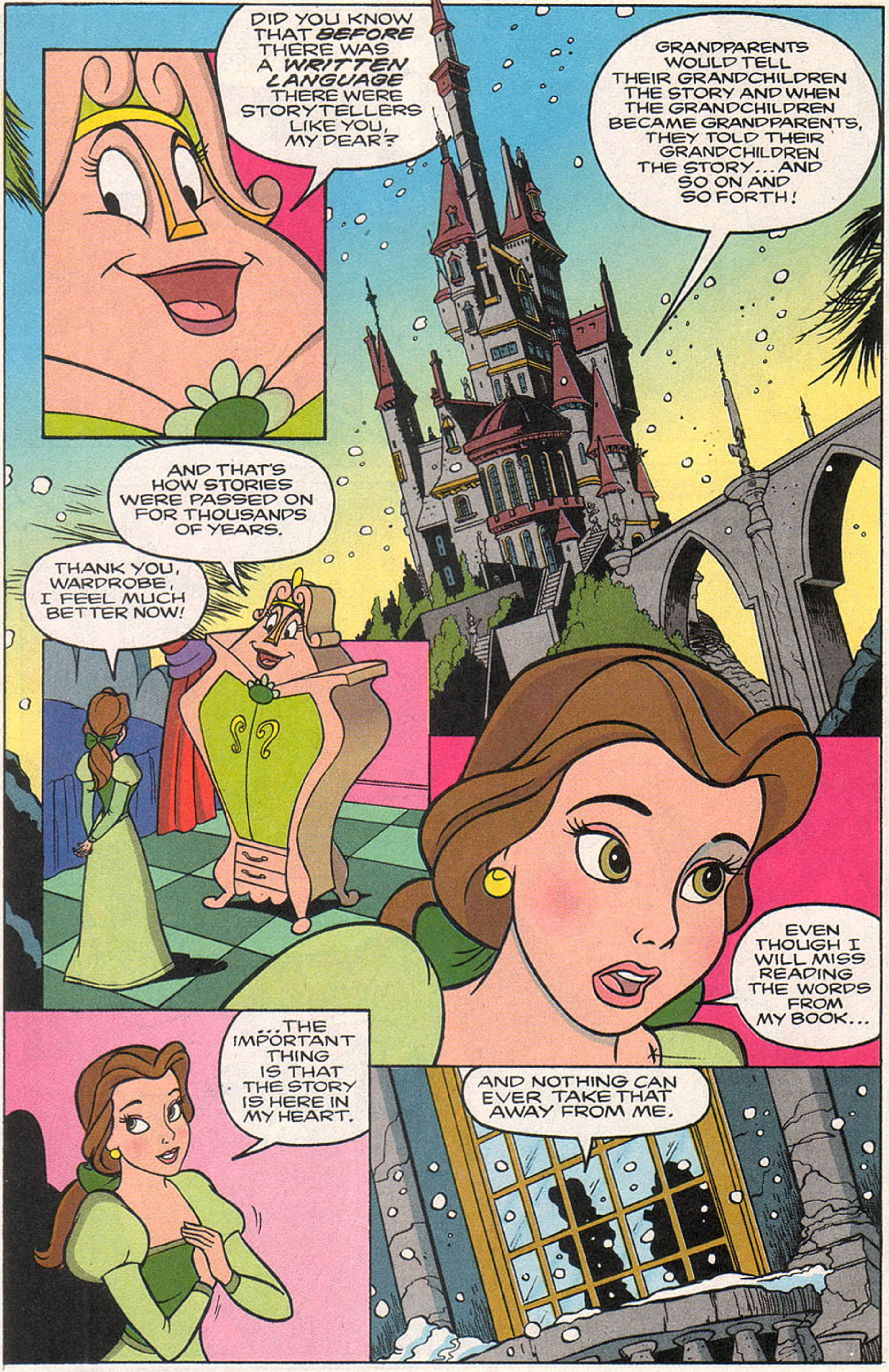

GROWLLLL!!
ALL I WANT IS TO MAKE HER *HAPPY*.
I UNDERSTAND, SIR.
AND I'M *SURE* IT'S JUST A *MIS*UNDERSTANDING.
A *MERE, MINOR* MISUNDERSTANDING, SIR.
WHAT CAN I DO?
AHHHH! NOW YOU'RE TALKING, SIR!
NOW I WILL TELL YOU THE *SECRET* OF MY *SUCCESS* WITH THE MADEMOISELLES!

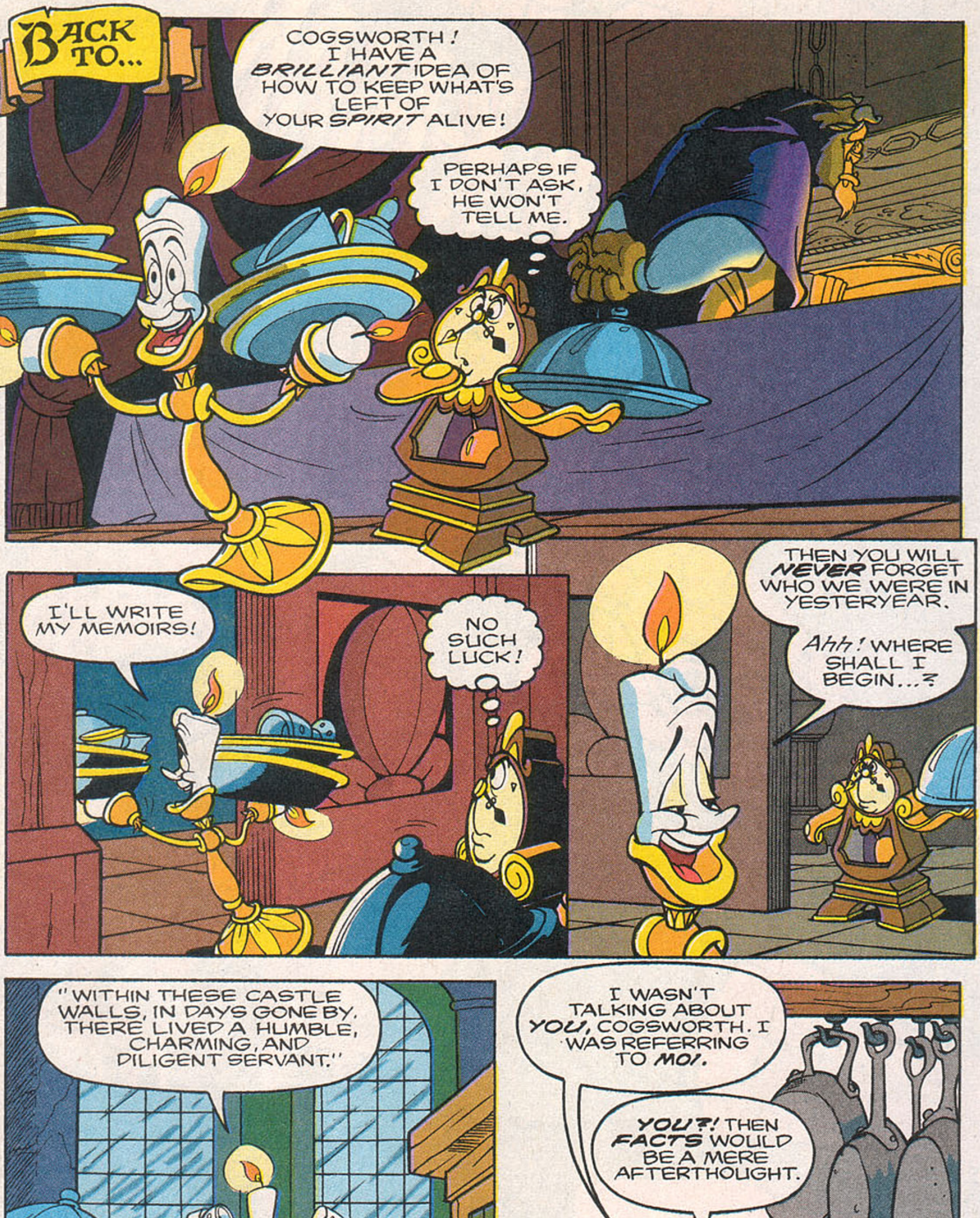

FIRST, YOU MUST LOOK DEEPLY INTO THE LADY'S EYES WHEN SHE IS TALKING.
LISTEN CAREFULLY TO WHAT SHE IS SAYING.
TELL HER YOU UNDERSTAND HOW SHE FEELS.
BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND. IT WAS ONLY A SILLY BOOK.
FAKE IT, SIR.
LUMIERE! THAT IS DISHONEST AND DISRESPECTFUL!
I AGREE.
HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY.
WHY DOESN'T HE JUST FIX THE BOOK, MAMA?
HUSH, CHIP! MIND YOUR MANNERS!
YES! I MUST FIX IT!

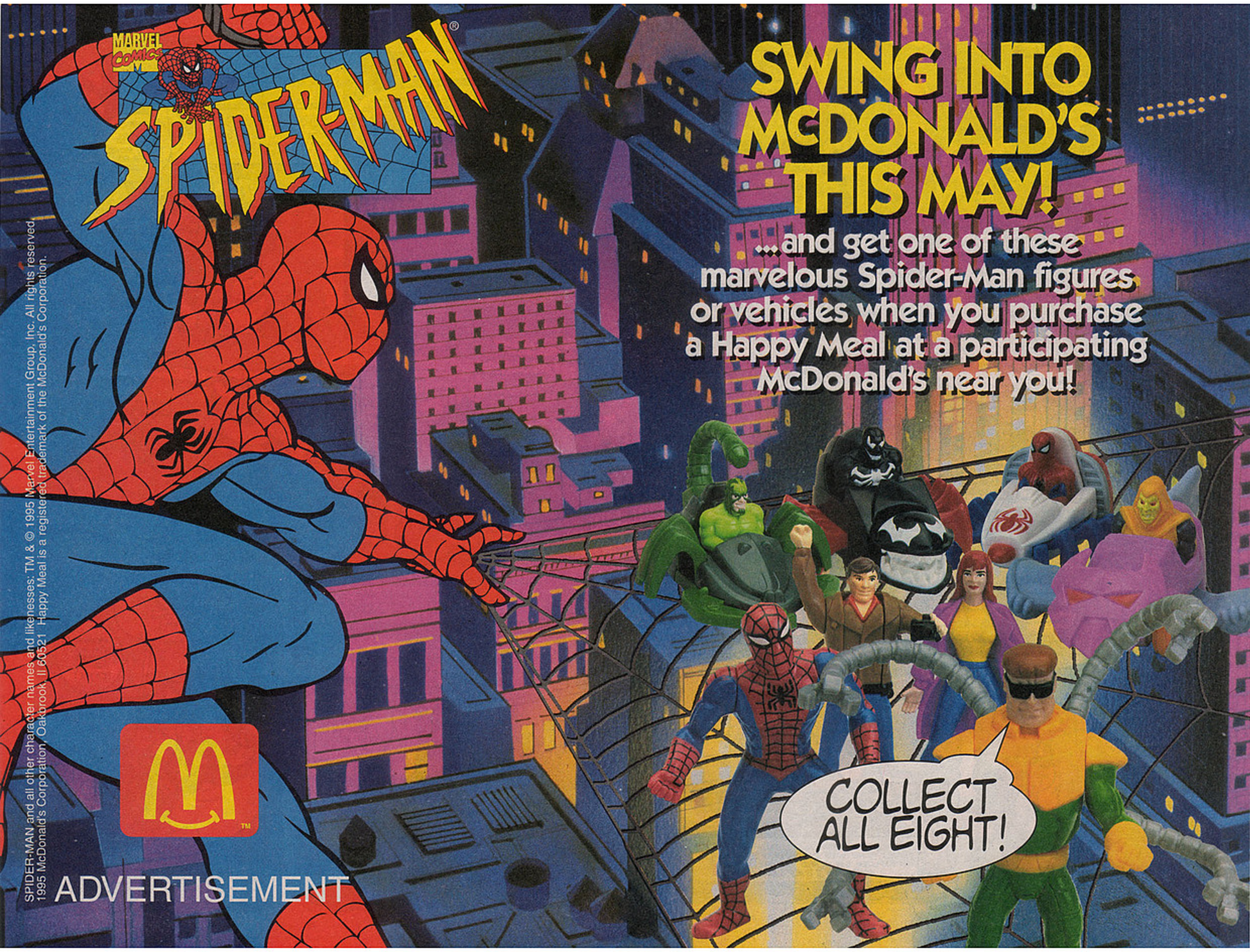

TAKE THE DAMAGED BOOK TO THE BOOKBINDER AND HAVE HIM REPAIR IT!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT, YOUR MAJESTY!


I WAS GOING TO SUGGEST THAT MYSELF!
ALWAYS TAKING CREDIT FOR THE BRIGHT IDEAS, eh, LUMIERE?


MEANWHILE...
AND SO THEY LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER. THE END!
BRAVO! THAT WAS A LOVELY STORY!
AND YOU TOLD IT BEAUTIFULLY!
CLAP! CLAP!


DID YOU KNOW THAT *BEFORE* THERE WAS A *WRITTEN LANGUAGE* THERE WERE STORYTELLERS LIKE YOU, MY DEAR?
GRANDPARENTS WOULD TELL THEIR GRANDCHILDREN THE STORY AND WHEN THE GRANDCHILDREN BECAME GRANDPARENTS, THEY TOLD THEIR GRANDCHILDREN THE STORY... AND SO ON AND SO FORTH!
AND THAT'S HOW STORIES WERE PASSED ON FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS.
THANK YOU, WARDROBE, I FEEL MUCH BETTER NOW!
EVEN THOUGH I WILL MISS READING THE WORDS FROM MY BOOK...
...THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT THE STORY IS HERE IN MY HEART.
AND NOTHING CAN EVER TAKE THAT AWAY FROM ME.


BACK TO...
COGSWORTH! I HAVE A BRILLIANT IDEA OF HOW TO KEEP WHAT'S LEFT OF YOUR SPIRIT ALIVE!
PERHAPS IF I DON'T ASK, HE WON'T TELL ME.
I'LL WRITE MY MEMOIRS!
NO SUCH LUCK!
THEN YOU WILL NEVER FORGET WHO WE WERE IN YESTERYEAR.
Ahh! WHERE SHALL I BEGIN...?
"WITHIN THESE CASTLE WALLS, IN DAYS GONE BY, THERE LIVED A HUMBLE, CHARMING, AND DILIGENT SERVANT."
WHY, THANK YOU, LUMIERE.
I WASN'T TALKING ABOUT YOU, COGSWORTH. I WAS REFERRING TO MOI.
YOU?! THEN FACTS WOULD BE A MERE AFTERTHOUGHT.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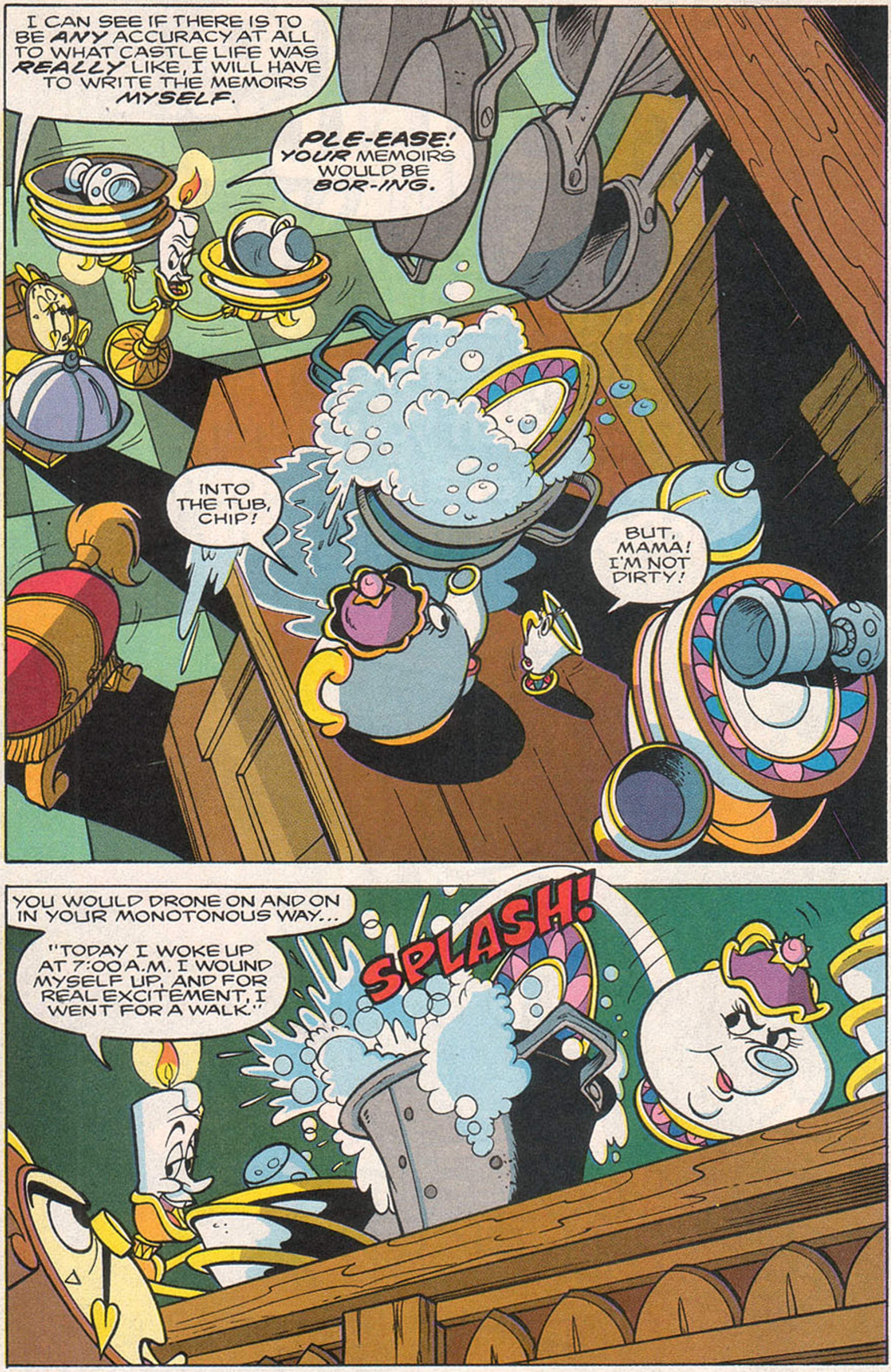
I CAN SEE IF THERE IS TO BE *ANY* ACCURACY AT ALL TO WHAT CASTLE LIFE WAS *REALLY* LIKE, I WILL HAVE TO WRITE THE MEMOIRS *MYSELF*.
PLE-EASE! YOUR MEMOIRS WOULD BE *BOR-ING*.
INTO THE TUB, CHIP!
BUT, MAMA! I'M NOT DIRTY!
YOU WOULD DRONE ON AND ON IN YOUR MONOTONOUS WAY...
"TODAY I WOKE UP AT 7:00 A.M. I WOUND MYSELF UP, AND FOR REAL EXCITEMENT, I WENT FOR A WALK."
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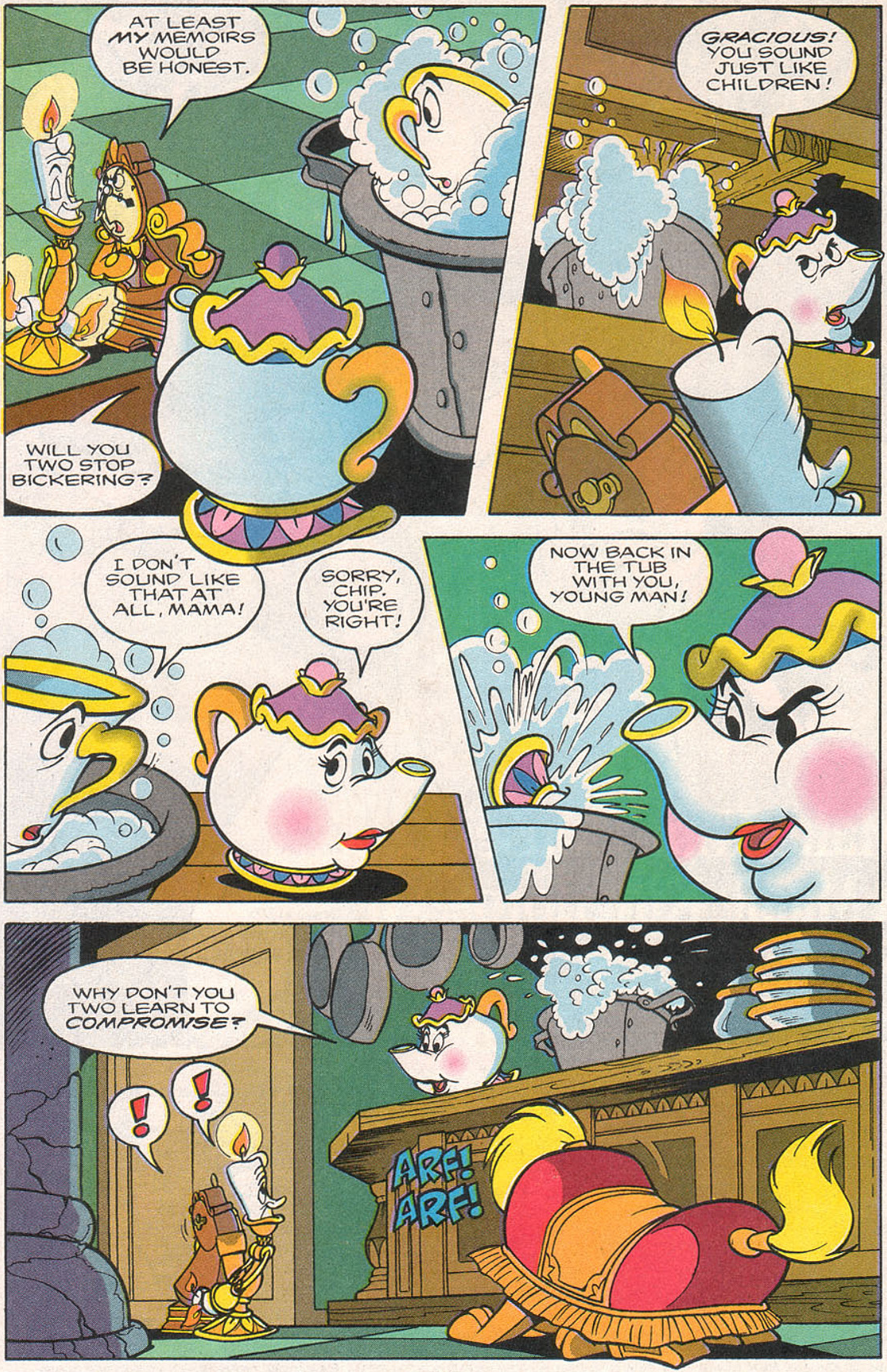
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WILL YOU TWO STOP BICKERING?
GRACIOUS! YOU SOUND JUST LIKE CHILDREN!
I DON'T SOUND LIKE THAT AT ALL, MAMA!
SORRY, CHIP. YOU'RE RIGHT!
NOW BACK IN THE TUB WITH YOU, YOUNG MAN!
WHY DON'T YOU TWO LEARN TO *COMPROMISE?*
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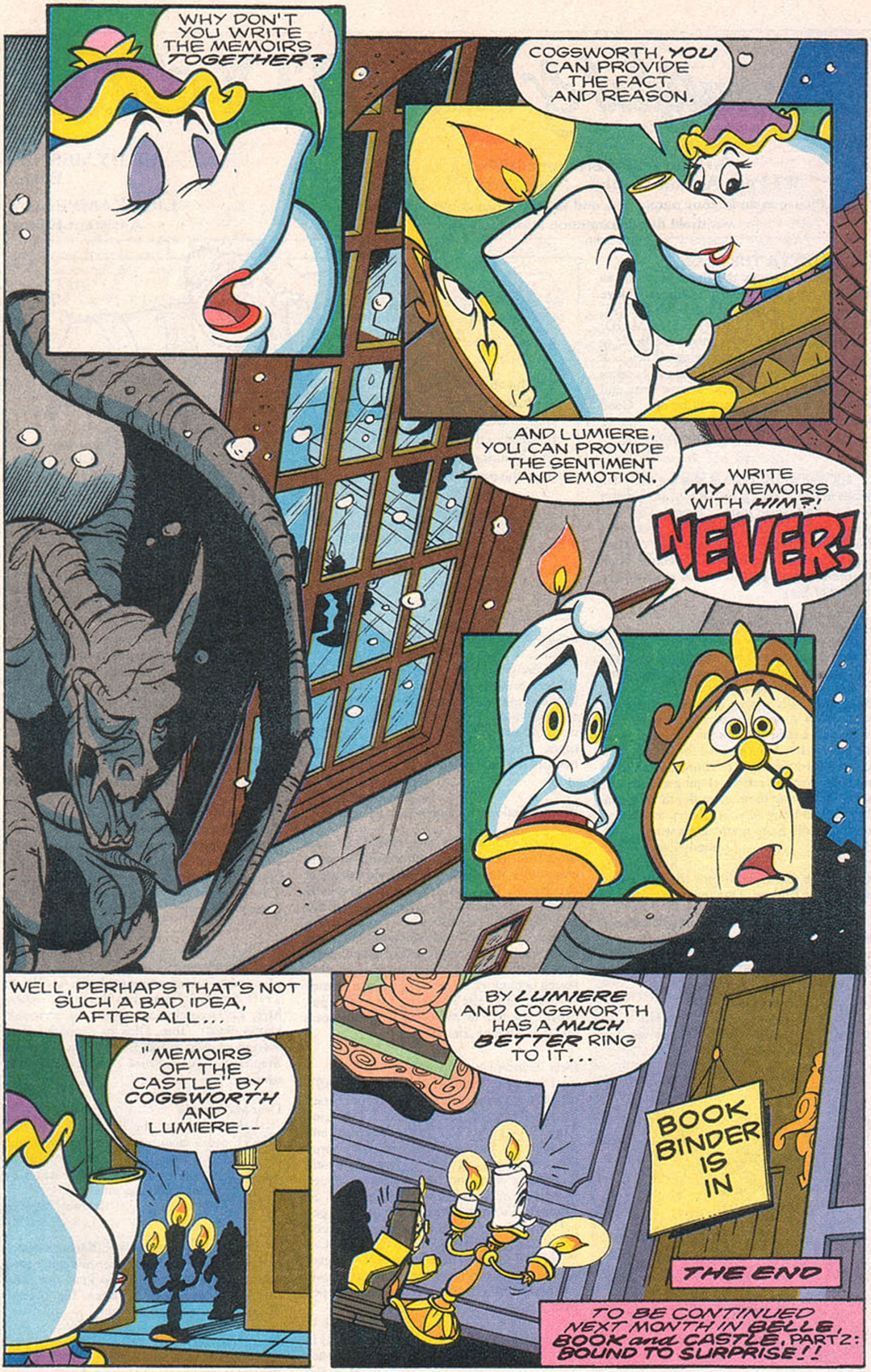
WHY DON'T YOU WRITE THE MEMOIRS *TOGETHER?*
COGSWORTH, *YOU* CAN PROVIDE THE FACT AND REASON.
AND LUMIERE, YOU CAN PROVIDE THE SENTIMENT AND EMOTION.
WRITE *MY* MEMOIRS WITH *HIM?!*
NEVER!
WELL, PERHAPS THAT'S NOT SUCH A BAD IDEA, AFTER ALL...
"MEMOIRS OF THE CASTLE" BY *COGSWORTH* AND LUMIERE--
BY *LUMIERE* AND COGSWORTH HAS A *MUCH BETTER* RING TO IT...
BOOK BINDER IS IN
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Beautiful & BEASTLY Mail

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Please include your name, age, and address, though we will gladly withhold that information upon request.

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TRIVIA QUESTION:

In the animated film Beauty & the Beast, Belle makes what promise to the Beast to gain Maurice's freedom from the castle tower?

For the answer to the B&B #9 trivia question, see Stephanie's letter!

Dear BEAUTY & THE BEAST,

I don't know why the Beast has to be so stubborn, but I sort of like him like that! I love all your comics — BEAUTY & THE BEAST, ALADDIN and THE LITTLE MERMAID! I really liked when Belle taught the Beast to read and write. I love the drawings. They look just like the movies! My brother and I collect all the movies and comics. Please write and tell me when Pocahontas will be out. Good luck!

Monique Jaques, age 9
Union, NJ

It's nice to see siblings sharing the finer things in life! And it goes without saying that you two have great taste! Disney's 33rd animated feature film, Pocahontas, premieres this June! Be sure to pick up a copy of Marvel/Disney's POCAHONTAS comic book adaptation available in stores everywhere the end of May!

Dear Beautiful & Beastly Mail,

Since I collect everything and anything of Beauty & the Beast, I had to write and tell you how much I love your comic! Being my favorite Disney movie, I really enjoy seeing Beast and Belle easing their way into their relationship in your comic, rather than finding romance in a span of under three minutes, as in the movie. I've been married for 10 years, so I know what building a relationship takes! I enjoy the way you are developing all the characters and giving them more depth. My son, Tyrone, and I buy all your Disney comics and love them all! Keep up the great work!

Kimberly Pagel, age 26
Kenosha, WI

P.S. Are the three blonde girls who are always after Gaston triplets? Do they have names?

Thanks for the compliments, Kimberly! Since the three blondes in question are not named, they are affectionately known as the "bimbettes" or the "silly girls!"

Dear Beautiful & Beastly Mail,

Bonjour! I am the biggest B&B fan! I just recently went to Disneyland and saw the Beauty & the Beast stage show. I loved it! My dream is to be a Disney animator.

I just discovered the BEAUTY & THE BEAST comic book and I had to have it! I'm looking forward to further issues. B&B comics are absolutely fantastic! Keep up the great work! I have watched the movie a trillion times. The answer to the B&B #8 trivia question is, "if it's not baroque, don't fix it!"

Heidi Robins, age 13
Colorado Springs, CO

P.S. Do Belle and Maurice have last names?

How exciting for you, Heidi! It must have been great to see all of your favorite characters life-sized! In Disney's Beauty & the Beast, Belle and her papa are only known as Belle and Maurice. Many of our fans share the same dream — to become a Disney animator! Just remember it takes hard work, dedication, and practice, practice, practice! In the next letter is another young person who dreams of being a Disney animator and she's looking for a pen pal. Maybe the two of you could compare notes and make a new friend!

Dear Beautiful & Beastly Mail,

I love the BEAUTY & THE BEAST comic! I am a very faithful follower of Disney. Mostly Beauty & the Beast and The Lion King. But I like The Little Mermaid and Aladdin, too. I'm a little annoyed that where I live, there aren't any really big fans like myself. Every time I read one of the Disney comics, there is always someone wanting a pen pal. So I thought I'd write to see if I could get a pen pal. I really want to be a Disney animator when I grow up. I can't wait for the POCAHONTAS comic book to come out! Congratulations and keep up the good work! Could you please print my address so I can get a pen pal?!

Amanda Emlay, age 15
31 Gilder Dr. #1111
Scarborough, Ontario, Canada
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Hi, Amanda! We're sorry you haven't found any fellow Disney fans in your area! We're always happy to help our fans make new friends, so we've printed your address above as you've asked! We're sure you'll meet lots of wonderful new pen pal friends!

Dear Beautiful & Beastly Mail,

I'm writing again just to tell you that I go crazy every month waiting for the BEAUTY & THE BEAST comics to come out! I would like to see very much what would happen if the Beast were to become a prince. Do you think you will make an issue about that? Belle and her prince could travel the world or something since Belle so longs for the adventure! The answer to B&B #9 trivia question is Tom, Dick or Stanley!

Stephanie Du, age 12
San Francisco, CA

Funny you should ask, Stephanie! Be sure not to miss next month's BEAUTY & THE BEAST, "Bound to Surprise," when Mrs. Potts reminisces about the Prince's young days! Tom, Dick or Stanley is the correct answer to B&B #9's trivia question, Stephanie. It was nice to hear from you again!

Dear Ms. Mesnik,

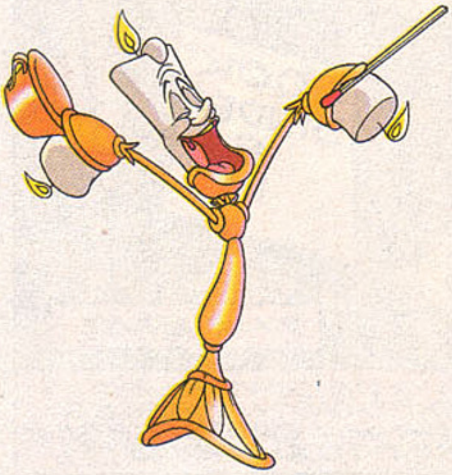
I think the way the BEAUTY & THE BEAST comic book plots flow together and leave you in suspense for the next issue is great! You must work very hard in order to have such a wonderful outcome!

Joanna D'Avella
Sea Girt, NJ

Our extraordinary writer, Barbara Slate, carefully plans each issue to maximize fun, adventure, and romance that keep our fans intrigued and coming back for more! Thanks for writing, Joanna!

Dear Hildy and Lisa,

I just discovered the BEAUTY & THE BEAST comic book. I love it! I collect any-



thing of Beauty & the Beast, it's the greatest love story ever! All my friends and family think I've gone off the deep end because I am 43-years-old and I am just crazy about the Beast! I look forward to getting the future B&B comic books each month!

Disney's biggest fan,
Michelle Smith, age 43
Winston-Salem, NC

We don't think you've lost it, Michelle — Disney fans come in all ages! We're ga-ga for a good love story, too! If you enjoy BEAUTY & THE BEAST so much and you really want your friends and family to think you've gone completely wacky, why not try reading THE LITTLE MERMAID, ALADDIN, and THE DISNEY AFTERNOON?! See you next month!

Dear Beautiful & Beastly Mail,

You may have read my letter that I sent to your ALADDIN comic book. Naturally, I love BEAUTY & THE BEAST, also! I love the movie and I could watch it a million times and not get tired of it! The comic is my favorite because it has the most romance. My favorite part in the movie is when the spell is broken. It always brings tears to my eyes! The comics are amazing and the characters look more like themselves than any other movie comics put out. I wish I could draw that well.

The only thing that I don't like about B&B is that the stories are extensions of things that happened in the movie. I would like it if the spell was broken and new situations were to happen! Once again, I love these comics!

Angela Allen, age 13
Germantown, TN

We like to hear comments from our fans, Angela! After all, you are our best critics! Right now, our story only takes place in the castle before the spell was broken. We hope to someday soon take the romance and adventure into Beast's and Belle's future! We like to keep our fans on the edge of their seats until the next exciting issue!

Dear Beautiful & Beastly Mail,

I just love your comics! Beauty & the Beast is my favorite movie of all time! I collect all sorts of B&B stuff, the BEAUTY & THE BEAST comics have been a great addition to my collection. My favorites so far have been B&B #7 and #8. Keep up the great work!

Jennifer Brooks, age 13
Colorado Springs, CO

What better stuff to complete your collection, Jennifer, than B&B comics!? We also loved the drama in B&B #7 and #8, especially when Beast rescues his true love and little Chip from the fierce snowstorm! But then again… we love them *all!*

Dear Hildy and Lisa,

The answer for the BEAUTY & THE BEAST #8 is, "if it's not baroque, don't fix it!"

I wanted to reply to Elizabeth A. Nelson's letter in B&B #8. I never grow tired of the movie or the comic books! I've seen the movie over a 100 times and I still laugh and cry with it. I love all the characters and I love to draw them, even Gaston! I look forward to the comic each month and I even reread them because I'm so anxious for the next one! They're great to read and to collect. As for what Elizabeth said, it's not Belle's fault that the Beast gets an attitude. He was that way long before she came to the castle! That's why Belle says, "he's so sweet and unsure, I don't know why I didn't see it there before!" Thanks for your time!

Jeanne Van DeWarker, age 23
Davenport, IA

Without his attitude, Beast couldn't have earned his title of Beast! We can never get enough of BEAUTY & THE BEAST either, Jeanne! We can tell you're a big B&B fan, you've answered the B&B #8 trivia question correctly! Thanks for writing, Jeanne!

Dear BEAUTY & THE BEAST Comics,

I am 42 and I have to admit I fell in love with the Beauty & The Beast movie the first time I saw it. I have an extensive collection of B&B paraphernalia. I've missed a couple of the BEAUTY & THE BEAST comics, #1, #3 and #5. Can you please tell me how I can get these to complete my collection? I would really appreciate it!

Nancy Ellis, age 42
Bishop, CA

Anything to help out our fans, Nancy! No BEAUTY & THE BEAST collection is complete without every issue of B&B comics! You may want to check with your local comic book shops and newsstands to see if they carry back issues. Some of the shops actually specialize in the selling of back issues. Good luck!

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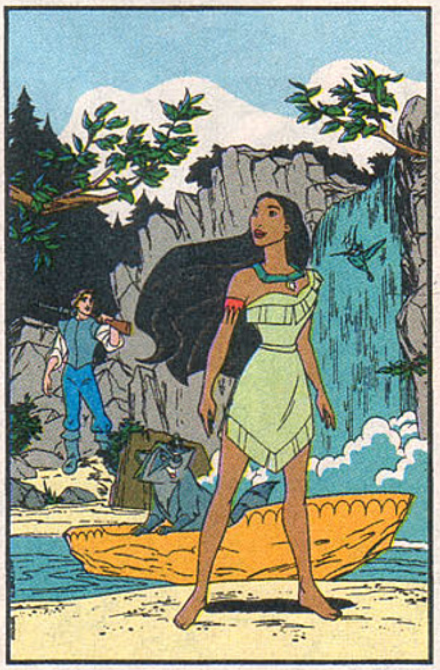

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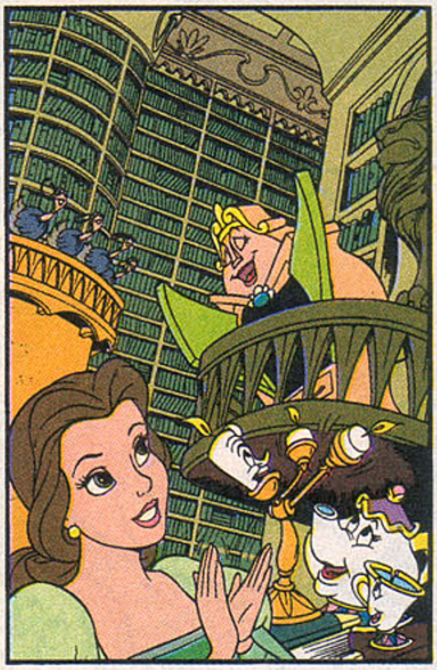

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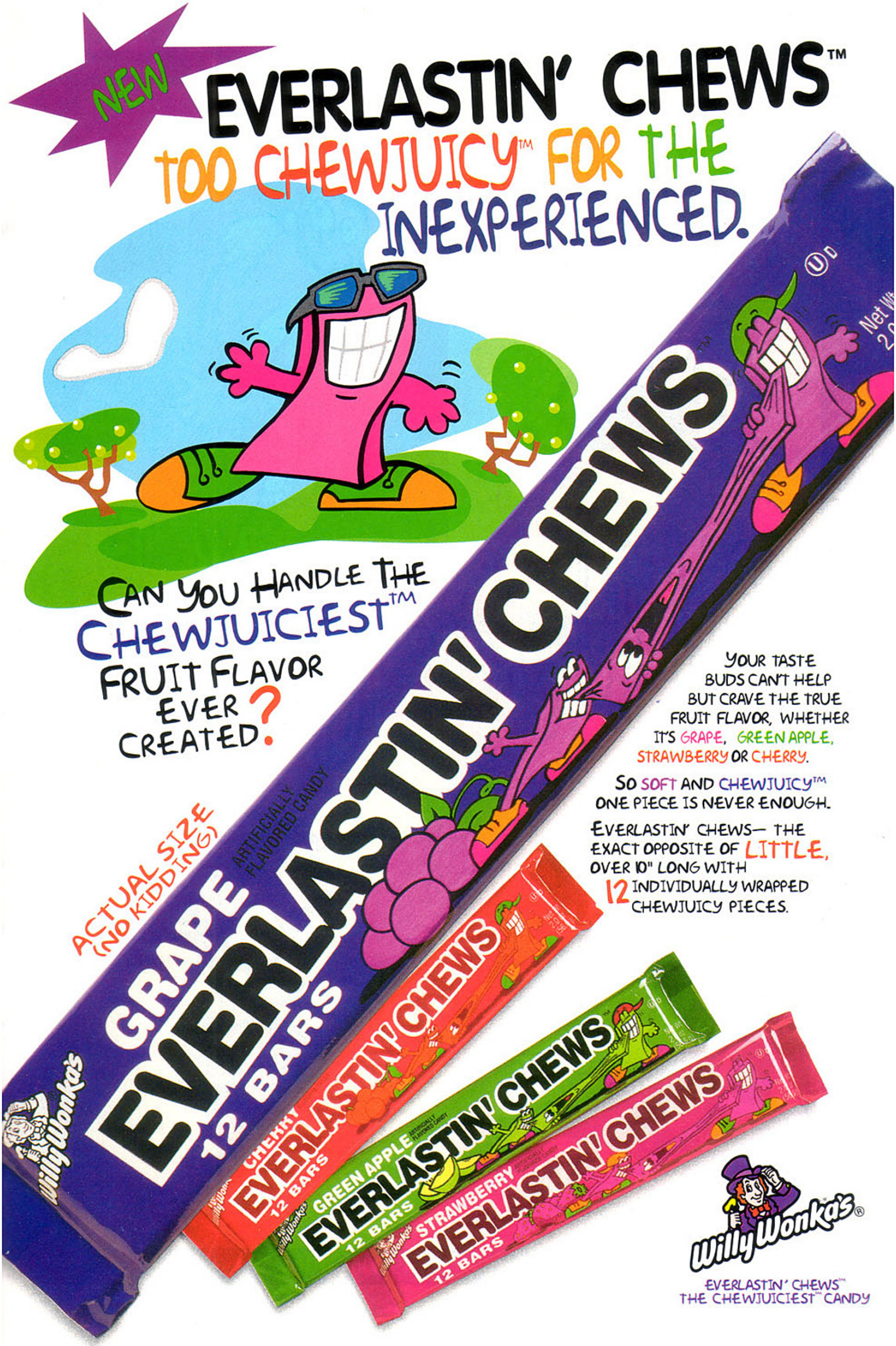
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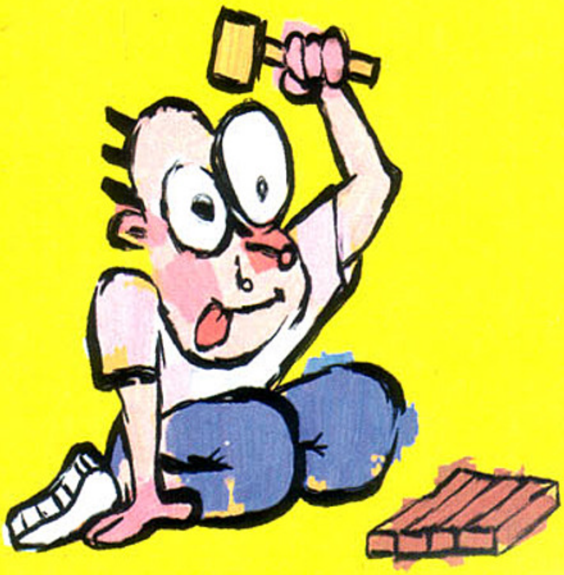

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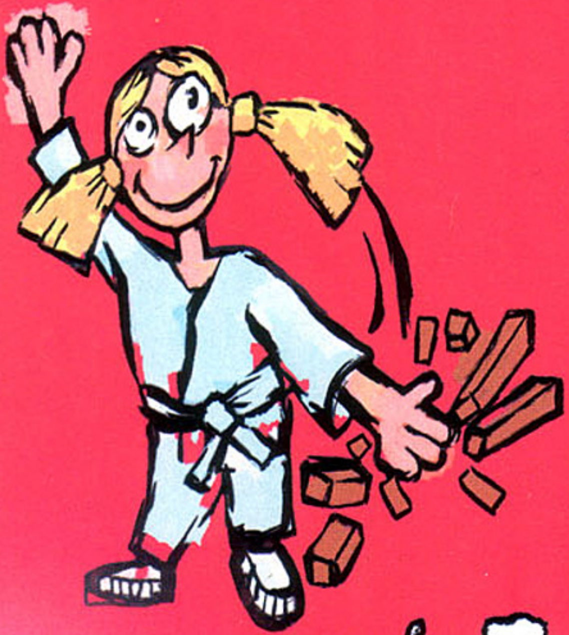

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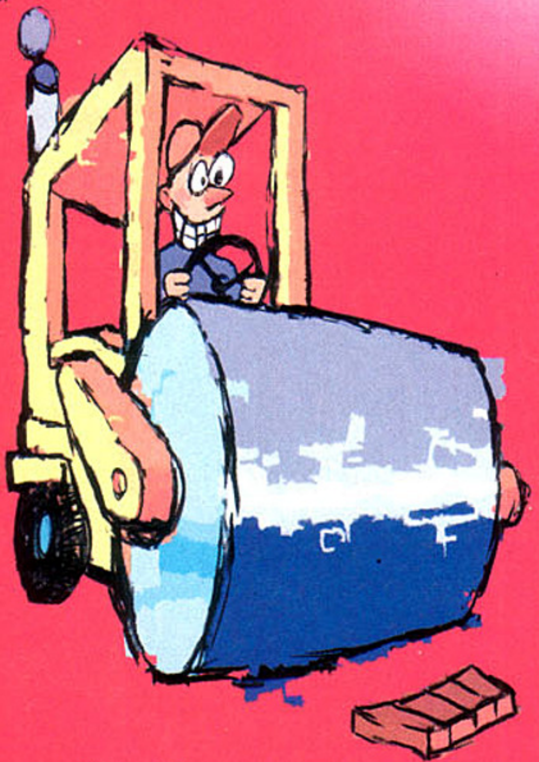

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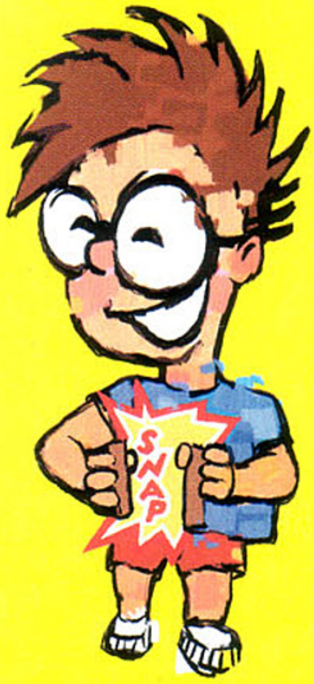

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